هكذا من الأصل

THE TIMES

No 64,004 SATURDAY APRIL 27 1991 40p

UN pledges to take over camps soon

Kurdish fighters sweep back as Iraqis withdraw

From CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN ZAKHO AND JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

HEAVILY armed Kurdish guerrillas arrived in the northern Iraqi town of Zakho yesterday, hours after Baghdad withdrew most of its forces there.

British military sources, who took over control of the town from American troops, reported that there were signs of an influx of Kurdish refugees heading towards the first of the newly established camps of blue and white tents in a valley two miles to the east of Zakho.

During the day, a group of armed Kurdish guerrillas arrived noisily in Zakho, displaying a formidable assortment of weaponry. Their arrival poses a dilemma for the allies, who are seeking to repatriate hundreds of thousands of Kurdish refugees from the Turkish border mountains while avoiding a policing role that will get them bogged down in Iraq's internal conflict.

Yesterday, President Bush said that American troops would stay in northern Iraq as long as needed to help Kurdish refugees. He again urged the overthrow of President Saddam Hussein, saying "it's only terror that's keeping him in power".

However, Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, the UN secretary-general, said that the United Nations would take over the Kurdish refugee camps near Zakho in a matter of days. His remarks yesterday appeared designed to counter criticism that the UN has been reluctant to assume control of the allied safe havens.

Western diplomats questioned whether such a short timetable would prove feasible, noting that only one *camp had been built* so far and that Kurds in the mountains had yet to move into it.

"We intend to take over as *soon as possible*," Señor Pérez de Cuéllar said as he arrived at UN headquarters in New York to resume talks on the *handover*. "*There is* no problem," he said. "It's a question of days." Diplomats say that Señor Pérez de Cuéllar's attitude has changed since Iraq formally requested the UN to take control of the camps.

The talks are concentrating on how to guarantee the safety of the Kurds once allied troops withdraw. Washington has said from the outset that it expected the UN to take over the camps. However, Marlin Fitzwater, the White House press secretary, acknowledged this week that there were "many questions that have to be ironed out", principally the matter of the camps' security.

President Bush said yesterday that American troops would stay in northern Iraq "as long as it takes to be sure these refugees are taken care of and not a minute longer". Mr Bush predicted that Saddam would eventually be deposed because "it's only terror that's keeping him in power" and "history has a way of taking *care of tyrants*", *but the* administration has ceased predicting his imminent demise.

As long as American troops patrolled the camps he expected no further trouble from the Iraqi military. "They don't want to tangle with the *US* again ... I don't think Saddam is dumb enough to want to run into US troops again."

In Zakho yesterday, Royal Marine commandos were showered with gifts of yoghurt and tea from Kurdish residents. The marines made it clear that no armed Iraqis, beyond the 50 police with side-arms permitted under an allied-Iraqi agreement, would be tolerated in the town after the deadline to leave expires at 6am today. The marines were inundated with information about alleged Iraqi secret policemen who have stayed on.

Zakho was teeming with rumours of revenge attacks against Iraqis by Kurds, and more violence is expected as the Kurdish *peshmerga* come down from the mountains. The mayor of Zakho said that five Iraqi policemen were wounded, three seriously, when gunmen attacked police headquarters in the town with a grenade and machinegun late on Thursday.

Talks in Baghdad aimed at achieving peace in the Kurdish region received a setback when Jalal Talabani, leader of the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan, who led a Kurdish delegation, said there were still obstacles in the way of an agreement. "There has been no agreement yet, only the start of negotiations," Mr Talabani said. Further talks next week faced three main obstacles: the extent of the territory that would be autonomous, the extent of self-rule and the region's relations with the outside world.

Mr Bush said that he hoped peace might result from the talks. However, it was not enough for Saddam to "undo some evil" by striking a deal with the Kurds, and he reiterated that "there will not be normal relations with this man as long as I'm president of the United States".

UN sources in southern Turkey expressed surprise at the claims that the UN would soon be in a position to take control of the new camps in Iraq. The first UN relief convoy is not due to cross the border from Turkey into Iraq until this weekend at the *earliest. UN sources said* that a measles epidemic had already begun to spread in some of the main refugee camps.

Meanwhile, Iraq announced yesterday that it is to disband its one-million strong popular army, manned mainly by 16- and *17-year-olds and men* over the age of 45. Some served in Kuwait during Iraq's seven-month occupation.

Hopes of Iran thaw, page 7

Helping hand: a Royal Marine makes friends with a local child as he patrols the streets of Zakho yesterday. The British show of strength is designed to attract thousands of Kurdish refugees down from the snow-capped mountains

Council tax may have nine bands

A leaked document has added to the confusion over the replacement for the poll tax, reports ***Douglas Broom***

The government is prepared to consider significant changes to the new council tax if ministers are persuaded that it is unfair to people living in areas where property prices are high.

After a day of confusion, Downing Street confirmed the authenticity of a confidential Inland Revenue circular asking valuers to group properties into nine bands instead of the seven proposed for the new tax.

The document, leaked to Labour's local government spokesman, David Blunkett, sets out new bands at the top and bottom of the seven-point scale announced on Tuesday by Michael Heseltine, the environment secretary. Under the existing proposals there is one band for all properties worth up to £40,000 and another for all those more than £160,000. The new bands create groupings from zero to £30,000, £30,000 to £40,000, £160,000 to £200,000 and more than £200,000.

A Downing Street spokesman said: "If at the end of the consultation process there is a suggestion that nine bands would be better than seven, this exercise would provide ministers with firm information." While insisting that the cabinet was in favour of a seven-band system, he said the government was committed to genuine consultation on the tax and would listen to suggestions put to it.

Last night, Neil Kinnock wrote to the prime minister saying that Whitehall confusion over the number of property bands for the council tax had added "a new layer of chaos to an already tangled situation".

The Labour leader asked John Major if the decision to prepare valuations on the basis of nine bands was an admission that Labour had been right to object taxing all properties over £160,000 at the same rate.

Critics had condemned the proposed seven-point banding arrangements because a person living in a £160,000 house would have

Continued on page 20, col 1

Diary, page 8

Minister defends hospital cutbacks

By NICHOLAS WOOD AND PETER MULLIGAN

THE government was thrown onto the defensive last night, less than a month after the introduction of its health reforms, when a dispute erupted over plans by two self-governing hospital groups to cut 900 jobs to *balance* their books.

Labour health spokesmen, the British Medical Association, senior clinicians, health *service unions, and hospital* workers denounced the folly of putting cash before patient care and demanded more *money for the Guy's trust,* south London, and the Bradford trust, West Yorkshire. However, Peter Griffiths, *chief executive of the Guy's* trust, said that the cutbacks were needed to head off a £7 million deficit

The opposition parties tried unsuccessfully in the Commons to force an immediate ministerial statement. That *seems almost certain to be* offered on Monday as the government seeks to escape from being forced to justify big health service job reductions only days before polling in the May council elections.

The dispute over the cuts, which will affect four hospitals and could presage more shake-outs in other parts of the

Continued on page 20, col 5

Gorbachev to impose 'strict regime' in May

From BRUCE CLARK IN MOSCOW

PRESIDENT Gorbachev, in the first concrete sign of what his new agreement with republican leaders will mean in practice, said yesterday he would soon introduce a "special, strict regime" to key sectors of the economy, such as the output of consumer goods.

While he gave few details, the new regime is expected to include strict curbs on industrial unrest, and provide for the use of force to prevent such actions as the takeover by strikers of key utilities and railway junctions.

The Soviet leader, speaking one day after fighting off a bid by hardliners to oust him from the leadership of the Communist party said he would introduce a "special, stringent regime of work and supervision", to basic industries through a presidential decree to be issued in May.

He told parliament that the leadership had to take tough, unpopular measures or else all its other policies would fail. "We cannot shirk this task, because if we do not hold fast, then everything will collapse," Mr Gorbachev added.

His announcement was expected to cause fury among the organisers of the eight week old miners' strike and embarrass the Russian leader, Boris Yeltsin, who joined eight other republican chiefs in concluding a landmark political agreement with Mr Gorbachev on Tuesday.

Mr Yeltsin is due to meet the miners' leaders over the weekend, and try to persuade them to return to work. Several have already said they are disappointed with him for giving in to Mr Gorbachev, and suggested they could even broaden their strike action by encouraging other industries to join.

However, Mr Yeltsin has stoutly defended the accord, saying he has won extensive concessions to the independence of his Russian republic, and promising to present the miners with some formula that would provide a "neat way out" of their dispute.

As Mr Gorbachev spoke, millions of workers across the Russian Federation took part in a token one-hour stoppage, mounted by the once docile official trade unions, to demand the doubling in pay and full wage indexation.

In the industrial city of Sverdlovsk, a key centre of heavy engineering and the defence industry, organisers claimed that 800,000 workers at a total of 3,000 enterprises took part in the protest.

Tuesday's inter-republican agreement has been hailed by Mr Gorbachev as a mandate for firmer action against strikes and lawlessness. The text states somewhat ambiguously that "participants at the meeting spoke in favour of introducing a special regime" in key sectors.

Although its wording is deliberately vague, this section of the nine-party agreement had been seized on by miners' leaders even before Mr Gorbachev's announcement as a harbinger of repression.

Foreign relations are giving Mr Gorbachev more encouragement as Moscow and Washington seem to be *narrowing their differences* over conventional arms in Europe, but progress may still not be quick enough for them *to meet their target of holding* a summit by the end of June, Western diplomats say.

Kremlin denounced, page 6

1,000 jobs go at Ford

By RONALD FAUX

THE Ford motor company announced yesterday that nearly 1,000 jobs are to be shed over the next year at the Halewood plant on Merseyside. The company said that although the redundancies were part of a five-year programme to reduce manning levels, the recession, the slump in the new car market and competition had forced higher than expected cuts.

Ford employs 8,500 at Halewood and the cutback will mean that more than 11 per cent of the workforce will lose their jobs through a combination of special, early retirement deals, voluntary redundancies and normal attrition. The company said nobody would face compulsory redundancy and rumours that the plant was to close were strongly denied.

Halewood is the biggest private employer on Merseyside and produces the latest in Escort and Orion models.

TODAY IN THE TIMES

◆

METROPOLIS

Jan Morris spends a day in the West End of London, a changed capital city which never exhausts the interest **Review**

◆

NOSTALGIA

Richard Morrison on nostalgia (now for the Fifties), the cream bun of emotions. But is this a healthy obsession with the past? **Page 8**

◆

INTERVIEW

Baroness de *Rothschild* tells Carol Leonard what it means to bear the famed family label in a world of claret and blue blood **Review**

INSIDE

Mother jailed

A mother who said she turned to crime because she was unable to pay household *bills*, collapsed sobbing in court yesterday when she was jailed for four years after admitting robbing seven building societies........ **Page 3**

Aid for Hanoi

For the first time since the end of the Vietnam war, America is to give a symbolic amount of financial aid to Hanoi. The $1 million offer is for artificial limbs for those injured in the war........ **Page 6**

Fraud enquiry

The Serious Fraud Office is investigating a £3.5 million fraud suffered by National Home Loans, the mortgage lender........ **Page 21**

The Times

The price of *The Times* will rise to 40p from Monday (45p on Saturdays).

INDEX

Arts	17
Births, marriages, deaths	10,11
Business	21-26
Classified	11,14-16,31
Court & social	10
Crosswords	11,20
Leading articles	9
Letters	9
Obituaries	10
Sport	31-36
TV & radio	18-19
Weather	20

☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆

Baker cuts short Middle East talks

By RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM

THE American Secretary of State, James Baker, abruptly ended his Middle East peace talks at a crucial point yesterday after his mother died in Houston, Texas.

However, Mr Baker raised hopes that he was not returning to America empty-handed. President Bush said after a telephone conversation with Mr Baker that there was "some reason for optimism".

In Jerusalem, it was unclear what progress Mr Baker had made in his six-week initiative. Although he said before meeting the Israeli prime minister, Yitzhak Shamir, yesterday that differences remained on key issues, he has won some minor concessions from the Israelis and a pledge by Moscow to take part as co-sponsor in proposed regional peace talks.

Arab states neighbouring Israel have shown little flexibility, but none has ruled out participation in the forum. The role of the Soviet Union may prove decisive, with the foreign minister, Aleksandr Bessmertnykh, due to visit the Middle East next month. It will be the first time such a senior Soviet figure has visited Israel.

Baker optimistic, page 7

Britain's cats claw their way up-market

By ROBIN YOUNG

BRITISH dogs may have had their day. Dog ownership peaked three years ago, according to the Henley Centre for Forecasting, and the future holds the prospect of a dog's life for dogs.

Over the next five years, the forecasters say, economic and demographic factors will militate against dogs. They calculate that the cat population will increase at more than twice the rate of dogs in the coming years, so that by 1995 the species' numbers will be approximately equal at around 7.8 million each.

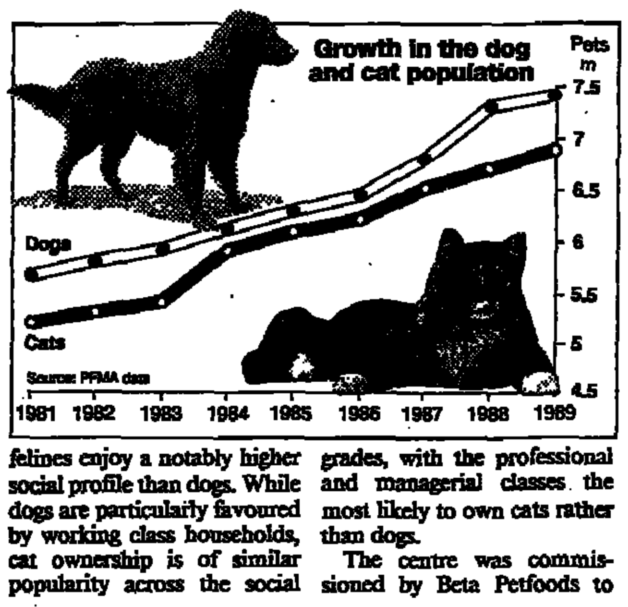
Cats score over dogs in one other important respect in the survey. It was found that felines enjoy a notably higher social profile than dogs. While dogs are particularly favoured by working class households, cat ownership is of similar popularity across the social grades, with the professional and managerial classes the most likely to own cats rather than dogs.

The centre was commissioned by Beta Petfoods to gauge future trends in pet ownership and to assess the economic implications for petfood manufacturers and retailers. Their findings were that not only are British dogs likely to shrink in size, but by the middle of this decade they are likely to be outnumbered by their arch rivals and ancient enemies, cats.

Researchers estimate that half of all households own at least one pet, with more than a quarter having a dog and a slightly smaller number, a cat. The dog population has grown by almost a third over the past decade, and is now about 7.4 million, while the cats have multiplied by 40 per cent to reach 6.9 million.

Much of the growth in pet numbers has come from the growth in the proportion of households owning more than one animal, which accounts for a continuing increase in the number of dogs though the number of owners is now diminishing. The growth in animal numbers has also been aided by a growth in the number of middle-aged households, who are those most likely to own cats and dogs.

In the 1980s there was a shift in preference from small or medium sized dogs to big ones, but the forecasters expect this trend to be reversed in the more financially straitened 1990s. Dogs will get smaller, they say, partly because it is 30 times more expensive to feed an Irish wolfhound than a Yorkshire terrier.



ANNOUNCEMENT

SMALLBONE & CO (DEVIZES) LTD

In making a major investment in your home it is prudent to choose a company with a sound financial base. Smallbone is part of a multi-national PLC and has an established reputation for providing the highest quality kitchens, bedooms and bathrooms in the United Kingdom, continental Europe and North America.

SMALLBONE'S NEW FILM

Smallbone have made a short film about their furniture which is now available on video. There is a small deposit of £5 which is refundable when returned to one of the showrooms.

For more information and a free 112 page Smallbone brochure please telephone: **0380 728000** (24 hours)

Showrooms

105-109 FULHAM ROAD, LONDON
21 LONDON ROAD, TUNBRIDGE WELLS
19 HOLYWELL HILL, ST ALBANS
12-13 WATERLOO STREET, BRISTOL
10 PRINCES STREET, HARROGATE
16 THE PARADE, LEAMINGTON SPA
46 KING STREET, KNUTSFORD

Fanfare for the Commons woman who rocked Tory boat

Goldsmith in 1971: "I should have become an MP"

Some MPs have secretaries, others 'sophisticated political animals'. **Richard Ford** speaks to one of the most celebrated

UNTIL her complaint about the unfairness of Michael Heseltine's council tax, Beryl Goldsmith's public profile was virtually non-existent. At Westminster and within the Conservative party, however, she is regarded with awe as the redoubtable secretary to Norman Tebbit.

Formidable was one of the kinder words used yesterday to describe Miss Goldsmith by Conservative politicans who proved reluctant to offer much information on a woman who, by general consent, operates more as an American-style personal assis*tant than a mere secretary.*

She has spent almost all her adult life working at the Commons, devoting her energies to assisting a succession of MPs, the Conservative party and the European cause and along the way winning plaudits as an effective political operator. "She has a marvellous political instinct and is very loyal to whoever she is working for," one politican said. "She was, of course, a great supporter of Ted Heath at one time and then became a great supporter of Margaret Thatcher."

In spite of her immersion in the world of politics, Miss Goldsmith, who is in her early fifties, was unable to remember when she began working at Westminster. She was born in Hampshire and arrived at the Commons to work part-time for Sir Ronald Russell, Conservative MP for Wembley South from 1950-70. She was then secretary to Peter Kirk, MP for Saffron Walden and leader of the first Conservative delegation to the European Parliament. After his death in 1977, she showed her commitment to the European cause by working as a freelance secretary for several members of the European Parliament.

Her tireless work meant that she has played a key role in the Conservative Group for Europe, having served as chairman and, at present, as vice-president. She helps organise the group's annual conference.

Madron Seligman, Conservative MEP for Sussex West, whom she helps by editing and publishing a quarterly review about his work in Europe, said: "She has been a pillar of strength to me in my contacts with the House of Commons and also in my contacts with the media. She is a very, very sophisticated political animal."

In 1985, Miss Goldsmith became secretary to Robert Jackson, Tory MP for Wantage, but seven month later, after the IRA bombing of the Grand Hotel at Brighton, Mr Tebbit asked her to work for him. Asked yesterday if she drafts speeches for him, Miss Goldsmith said: "I don't want to go into details. Since Mr Tebbit declined to continue to serve in the government for personal reasons, his work has been very little different to that of a cabinet minister. I am the only infrastructure he has and my job involves us working together."

The title of her boss's autobiography, *Upwardly Mobile*, reflects Miss Goldsmith's own career. "I did not go to any expensive secretarial college. I learnt my shorthand and typing at night school. I have worked my way up."

Council tax, page 4

Mother kept 11 months from children held in care

By Kerry Gill

A MOTHER yesterday showed pictures of her four smiling children taken before social workers took them into care after allegations of ritual sexual abuse.

She has not seen her three younger children for almost 11 months and has been allowed, under constant supervision, to visit the eldest child for only two hours a month since February. A rare photograph given to the mother charts her baby's growth.

The three girls and a boy, now aged from 18 months to 11, with four children from two other families, come from Ayrshire. All were seized last June after allegations that bear a remarkable similarity to those levelled against the four Orkney families.

The Orkney families had their children returned after five weeks when a sheriff ridiculed the allegations at a court hearing.

The Ayrshire case differs, however, in that Sheriff Neil Gow, sitting at Ayr Sheriff Court shortly after the seizures, ruled that there was evidence of abuse. After medical examinations of the children took place it was found that two girls showed signs of alleged abuse.

Yesterday, David Reid, director of the Medical Institute for Research into Child Cruelty, said that the signs were so common in girls thet they could be produced by "falling on a bicycle".

Within the next two weeks a meeting of the children's panel will again decide whether to extend the care orders. As yet no parent has been charged with an offence, and the Ayr procurator fiscal said: "There are no proceedings at this time".

The allegations involve bizarre sexual abuse and mental and extreme physical cruelty. Two parents yesterday spoke of their disbelief on hearing the allegations, believed to emanate, as in Orkney, from another child in care.

"At first getting a lawyer didn't seem that important because we thought it was a load of rubbish that would be cleared up the next day," the father said. "We agreed to a medical just to get the kids back as soon as possible. When they said there was evidence of sex abuse against the girls I couldn't believe it.

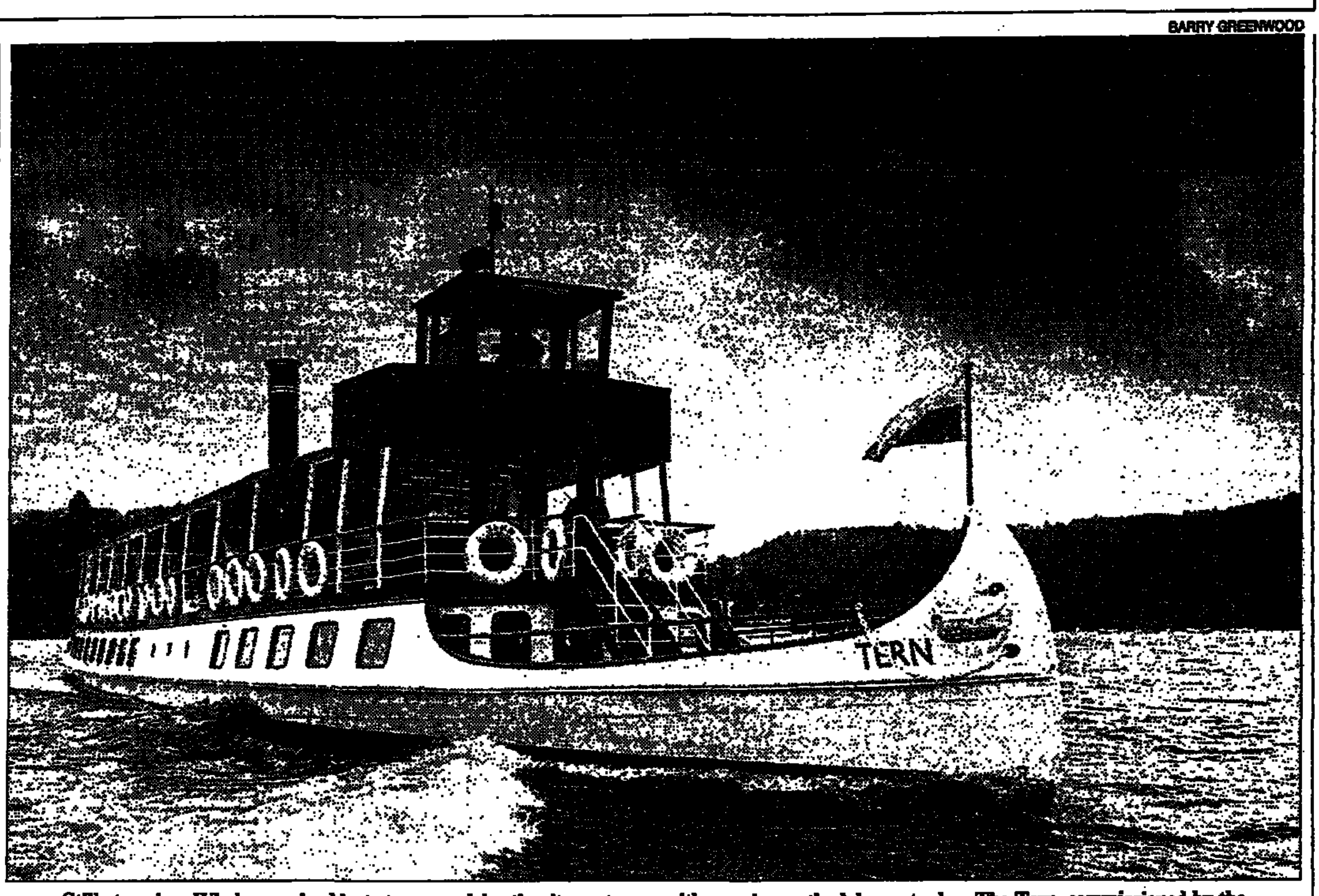
"I am supposed to have hurt someone's leg by using telepathy from miles away," he said. "My own boy is supposed to have been put in a coffin by us and then we are supposed to have allowed a woman to cut a piece of enamel off his tooth."

The mother showed sheaves of letters from the children, all sending their love. One said: "I love you, don't forget."

The mother of the boy aged four said to have been put in a coffin showed her daughters' school reports issued days before the seizures. One said: "... is enthusiastic, cheerful and extremely industrious. A pleasure to have in the class." The other child's report was equally enthusiastic.

Dr Reid said: "These children can be questioned endlessly every day; they have fewer rights than any adult questioned by the police."

BARRY GREENWOOD



Still steaming: Windermere's oldest steamer celebrating its centenary with a cruise on the lake yesterday. The Tern, commissioned by the Furness Railway Company in 1891 at a cost of £4,800, has travelled about a million miles and carried more than 12 million passengers

Anglo-Irish delay over talks venue

By Richard Ford, political correspondent

BRITISH and Irish ministers hope to reach agreement within the next few days on the venue for the second strand of talks in the political initiative on the future of Northern Ireland.

Although the site for negotiations on north-south links involving the Irish government and politicans from Northern Ireland was discussed at a meeting yesterday, ministers were unable to announce an agreement. Gerry Collins, the republic's foreign affairs minister, said they hoped to agree on the venue shortly. He was speaking after the last meeting of the Anglo-Irish conference before the opening on Tuesday of formal talks on Ulster's the political future.

Collins: statement talks of historic chance

A ten-week gap between meetings of the conference has been created to allow for talks between politicans in the north on a devolved administration and on links between the north and south of the island, and between London and Dublin.

The next meeting of the conference has been scheduled for July 16, and after yesterday's conference meeting in London a joint statement from Peter Brooke, the Northern Ireland secretary, and Mr Collins said: "Both sides stressed the importance they attach to this historic opportunity to reach a new agreement on the totality of relationships, within Northern Ireland, within the island of Ireland and between the peoples of these islands".

Mr Brooke said that no one involved in the three sets of discussions would have to make a final decision until all strands of the initiative were concluded.

As Mr Brooke prepares for a series of bilateral meetings Northern Ireland's political parties, Mr Collins confirmed that the Republic's government would not put obstacles in the way of Unionists raising Articles 2 and 3 of the Irish constitution, which claim territorial jurisdiction over the north. He added: "A successful outcome [of the talks] for me would be one where there were no winners and no losers."

Unionist leaders are expected to have a bilateral meeting with Mr Brooke next Friday before the first plenary session at Parliament Buildings, Stormont, the week after.

THE TIMES ON MONDAY

Route and branch: Barbara Laguerre went for a job as a bus conductor 28 years ago. She got the job, her (male) rival did not. She stayed in the job for 28 years whereas her rival, even when he settled in a career, flitted from post to post: foreign secretary, Chancellor, that sort of thing. Barbara Laguerre talks about being the woman who won a straight fight with John Major: yes indeed, it *is* a funny old world

Extended highlights: Richard Cork provides a sneak preview of the mightily extended Royal Academy, opening in time for the summer exhibition

National Westminster Bank Mortgage Rate

With effect from 1 May 1991 for new borrowers, and from 1 June for existing borrowers, the NatWest Mortgage Rate payable under current Mortgage Deeds and Conditions of Offer will be reduced from 13.75% to 12.95%. This change will be reflected in existing borrowers' repayments from 5 or 22 June 1991.

National Westminster Home Loans Limited
41 Lothbury, London EC2P 2BP.

Libel win for That's Life man

GAVIN Campbell, presenter of BBC *That's Life* television series, won substantial libel damages in the High Court yesterday over allegations that he was sick over the vicar at a couple's underwater wedding.

The settlement came on the fifth day of his action against *Today* over its report in December 1989. As well as the undisclosed damages the newspaper must also pay legal costs estimated at £250,000. The settlement was announced after out-of-court talks during which a surprise document was handed to *Today's* lawyers.

Mr Campbell, aged 45, kissed his wife Liz and shook hands with his lawyers. He refused to reveal the size of the award. "I am delighted . I have been vindicated. I have achieved what I set out to achieve," he said. He refused to reveal the new evidence.

Gareth Williams, QC, for *Today*, told Mr Justice Otton that "evidence came to the attention of *Today* which fully vindicated Mr Campbell. *Today* newspaper regrets the publication of the article in question and the distress caused to Mr Campbell and his family. It apologises to him unreservedly."

David Eady, QC, for Mr Campbell, said News (UK), the paper's publishers, who had claimed the article was true and fair comment on a matter of public interest, now agreed to withdraw the allegations.

Private sector gets free run for remand centre contract

By *Quentin Cowdry, home affairs correspondent*

THE government's determination to break the state's monopoly in running prisons was seen again yesterday when the Home Office said that it will not compete against the private sector to run a new remand centre.

When it was announced last July that the management of the Humberside jail would be put out to tender, ministers suggested that the prison department would compete for the contract. The private sector is, however, to be allowed a "free run" at the contract and ministers will turn to the department only if tenders are far below expectations.

Tender invitations will go out next week to nine firms, at least two of which have links with commercial jail operators in America, to run The Wolds, a 300-bed jail near Hull due to open next spring. Prison officers and governors said that the decision to prevent the Home Office from competing for the contract showed ministers would privatise jails, whatever the possible disadvantages. Brendan O'Friel, chairman of the Prison Governors' Association, said: "I thought the government was in favour of free and fair competition between the private and public sectors. We should be allowed to compete for the work."

Some governors fear that ministers might adopt a similar approach when, later this year, they invite firms to bid for contracts to escort prisoners to and from courts, work which at present employs 1,000 prison and 1,200 police officers each day.

Angela Rumbold, the Home Office minister of state responsible for prisons, is to tour a privately-run jail in California next week on a ten-day tour of prisons, parole units and sex offender therapy clinics in Canada and America. With ministers now keenly interested in penal reform, Mrs Rumbold believes it is important that she looks at jails and treatment techniques abroad.

Ministers believe commercially-run jails might yield substantially better conditions for inmates, although they generally accept that the impact on running costs may be slight. The Wolds contract is expected to insist that inmates enjoy a model regime, with guaranteed visiting hours and out-of-cell activities. The government is also committed to implementing, this autumn, a national strategy for treating sex offenders.

Three 'knew devices were for military use'

By Ray Clancy

COMPANY executives accused of plotting to export to Iraq detonating devices for nuclear bombs must have known they were for a military purpose yet allowed the electrical capacitors to be described as parts for air conditioning, the Central Criminal Court was told yesterday.

Alan Moses, QC, for the prosecution, said that Ali Ashour Daghir, Jeanine Speckman and Toufic Fouad Amyuni, all of whom worked for Euromac of Thames Ditton, Surrey, may not have known that the devices were for nuclear bombs, although Mr Daghir, the managing director, probably had a good idea of their ultimate purpose.

Mr Moses said all three "knew they were for military use and must therefore have known their export was prohibited without permission, permission that would not have been granted".

He said there was evidence from another Euromac employee that Mr Daghir wrote the words "Sali air conditioning factory" on two boxes of detonators and documents, including the invoice from the American firm where the devices were designed and made, described them as parts for air conditioning.

The three deny conspiring to export 40 electrical capacitors. The trial continues on Monday.

Wind farm plan raises fears of eyesore

By Nick Nuttall, technology corresponent

CONCERN is growing in the wind industry that Britain's biggest wind farm, planned for mid Wales, will provoke claims from environmentalists that it is an eyesore.

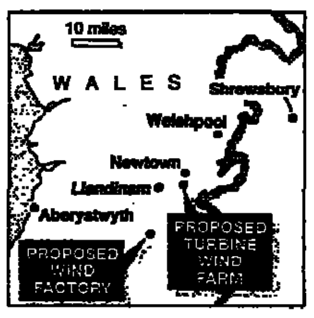
The farm is being planned with Japanese financial backing and Japanese machines. The scheme proposes rows of turbines, a layout familiar in America.

Critics say that a dispute over the project could tarnish the image of wind energy at a sensitive stage in its development. The Countryside Commission has already objected to more modest schemes, which were scaled down, with machines sited at random, to placate its critics.

Andrew Garrard, chairman of the British Wind Energy Association, said yesterday the fact that the turbines were Japanese was a secondary issue. "To avoid threatening the future of wind power in Britain, we should all be proceeding very cautiously," he said.

The new proposal, by a firm with links to the California wind business which uses Mitsubishi turbines almost exclusively, involves 101 turbines and would be 25 times bigger than any existing project and three times larger than any planned.

The scheme is being proposed by Ecogen of Machynlleth, Powys, and would run 18km (more than 11 miles) along a hill top near Llandinam. The farm, with turbines spaced some 80m apart on average, could produce electricity for up to 26,000 homes. A spokesmann for Ecogen was unavailable for comment, but Michael Backhouse, director of planning at Montgomeryshire district council in Welshpool, said yesterday that three farms of 42, 48 and 11 machines were planned.



Mitsubishi and Danish Bonus machines are proposed. "They almost adjoin. Visually they will look like one," Mr Backhouse said. Peter Musgrove of the Wind Energy Group, a British Aerospace-Taylor Woodrow company, said yesterday that they were preparing a counter-bid for a 50-turbine farm on the site.

"What these other people *are proposing is quite un*acceptable. We do not want walls of wind turbines in this country. This is not the way forward and could damage the whole image of the wind industry," he said.

The scheme could also affect plans by the Wind Energy Group to build Britain's first wind turbine factory, details of which also emerged yesterday.

Dr Musgrove said that the factory, which would employ indirectly more than 300 people, was being planned for Rhayader, Powys. It would be capable of producing 100 British-designed turbines a year.

Report on police chief sent to DPP

By Stewart Tendler
Crime correspondent

A POLICE report on allegations involving Wyn Jones, one of Scotland Yard's four assistant commissioners, has been sent to Sir Allan Green QC, the Director of Public Prosecutions, a Yard spokesman said yesterday.

Mr Jones, aged 47 and regarded as a high-flier in the police service, becomes one of the most senior officers to be the subject of a report to the DPP, presenting an immediate problem for Sir Peter Imbert, the commissioner, when he returns to the Yard on Monday after heart treatment.

The report follows a four-month investigation by officers under the command of Peter Nobes, the chief constable of West Yorkshire, into allegations that Mr Jones, who normally heads the Yard's personnel and training department, had been involved in improper police work for Asil Nadir, head of the collapsed Polly Peck group.

The allegations came after an investigation into a chief superintendent, who has since retired, over claims that he had recruited security guards for Mr Nadir. The officer had worked for Mr Jones when he commanded police in east London but friends of Mr Jones said that he strongly refuted the allegations.

At the time the investigation began, with the agreement of the home secretary ; the Yard stressed that no criminal allegations were involved. Yesterday, the Yard said: "We can confirm a report has gone to the DPP whose decision we await." Mr Nobes's report arrived at the Yard earlier this week. It was studied by Sir John Dellow, the acting commissioner, and then sent to the DPP.

Mr Jones, who earns £57,000, went on leave when the investigation began last December and was yesterday said to be out of the country on holiday with his wife. A career policeman, he joined the Gloucestershire force and then moved to Thames Valley, where he became an assistant chief constable under Sir Peter. In London, he was officer in command of operations outside the News International plant in Wapping during the industrial dispute.

Kent doctor is cleared

A doctor was cleared by the High Court yesterday of medical negligence in the case of a girl with meningitis which left her profoundly deaf and unable to speak. Robert Nicol, of West Wickham, Bromley, Kent, saw Fiona Thornton when she became ill in June 1984 aged ten weeks. He had diagnosed conjunctivitis.

Mr Justice Macpherson said that he would like to see compensation for Fiona, now aged seven, but negligence had to be proved before that was possible. Fiona's parents, Maureen and Scott, who now live in Wellington, New Zealand, had sued Dr Nicol for damages.

Art goes for tax

A £7,000 watercolour by Whistler and 18th century musical instruments worth £126,956 are among the latest items the government has accepted in lieu of tax. In answer to a parliamentary question Tim Renton, the arts minister, also named the new homes of some items already accepted.

Judge withdraws

A federal judge has excused himself from sentencing three suspected IRA members convicted in Florida of trying to buy a Stinger anti-aircraft missile. Defence lawyers asked Judge Jose Gonzalez to drop out because he had privately reviewed classified intelligence information not disclosed at the trial. The lawyers felt that the information might bias the judge against their clients.

Lawyer fined

Alain Attia, aged 53, a French lawyer who slapped a British Airways stewardess on the face when she refused to let him enter the cockpit of a packed jet flying at 33,000ft from Bermuda to Gatwick because he was unhappy about the seating arrangements, was given a conditional discharge and ordered to pay £50 compensation and £30 costs by magistrates at Crawley, West Sussex, yesterday.

Buying The Times overseas
Austria Sch 32; Belgium B Frs 60; Canada $2.75; Canaries Pes 220; Cyprus 90 cents; Denmark Dkr 16.00; Finland Mkk 12.00; France F 11.00; W Germany DM 4.00; Gibraltar 80p; Greece Dr 300; Holland Gl 4.00; Irish Republic 80p; Italy L 3,000; Luxembourg Lf 55; Madeira Esc 220; Malta 43c; Morocco Dir 20.00; Norway Kr 14.00; Pakistan Rps 18; Portugal Esc 220; Spain Pes 220; Sweden Skr 16.00; Switzerland S Frs 3.80; Tunisia Din 1.50; USA $3.00.

مكان الاصل

هكذا عن الأصل

Mother who took bus to raid building societies is jailed

By Ray Clancy

A MOTHER collapsed sobbing in court yesterday when she was jailed for four years after admitting robbing seven building societies.

Susan Jones turned to crime because she was unable to pay family bills and debts after she lost one of her part-time jobs and her husband was made redundant, Kingston crown court was told. Jailing Jones, aged 37, of Hampton, west London, Judge Wakley said that she had carried out "wicked crimes".

The court had been told that she committed most of the robberies after taking her twin daughters, aged four, to school. She obtained over £7,000 from the raids between September and November last year and travelled to and from the scenes of the crime by bus.

Philip King, for the defence, said that Jones had been looking after her dying mother and sick aunt in the months before the robberies. Her husband had lost his job and she took on as many part-time jobs as she could, working night and day. Her aunt died and Jones had to be treated in hospital for pneumonia and glandular fever and was diagnosed as being clinically suicidal.

When she lost a cleaning job and a housing association threatened to repossess the family home she sold her wedding ring but was still unable to pay mounting debts. The only reason this "decent, industrious woman" turned to crime was to help her family escape overwhelming debts which piled up after she made a promise to her dying mother to care for the whole family, Mr King said. She had been faced with an intolerable situation and although she deserved to be punished she also desperately needed the court's help.

The court was told that she tried to disguise herself by wearing a baggy coat and sunglasses and walked into the Chelsea Building Society in Twickenham, west London. She passed a note under the security screen to a cashier which read: "This is a hold-up. Don't panic. I have got a gun so just do as I say. Put the money in used notes in plastic bags and pass them to me. Wait five minutes and then raise the alarm."

She used the same technique in several other building societies, including one in Great Yarmouth when she was on holiday there with her family. Jones even went into the same branch twice. Staff at the Britannia Building Society in Twickenham recognised her on October 19 because she had robbed the same branch two weeks before.

The day before she committed her last robbery she was so frightened that she telephoned the Samaritans, who advised her to give herself up. A photograph of Jones taken by a security camera appeared in a national newspaper and her sister rang her to say she looked like the robber. She then confessed to all seven robberies at a police station.

"Mrs Jones's sister had no idea that the two were one and the same. It was conscience that made her give herself up," Mr King said.

● Gavin Cameron, aged 18, of Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire, was sentenced to 21 months' youth custody at the Central Criminal Court yesterday for robbing a building society. He was armed with a paint gun.

The court was told that Cameron, a devout churchgoer, carried out the raid on a Woolwich Building Society office in the City to try to save his father from going to prison for bad debts. He took £300 but was caught by police shortly afterwards as he tried to hide under a car.

The court was told that Cameron planned the raid after watching a *Crimewatch* programme on television which gave details of a £6,000 bank raid by a masked man. Cameron pleaded guilty.

Michael Carroll, for the prosecution, said Cameron made several trips to the building society before plucking up the courage to carry out the robbery with a Magnum replica gun capable only of firing paint pellets.

Recession ignored as bookings for holidays double

By Harvey Elliott, air correspondent

BRITAIN is forgetting the recession, the Gulf war and the winter snows and is determined to go on holiday.

Travel agents, who for more than three months seemed convinced that they would all soon be out of business, are smiling again as high street travel shops report twice as many customers booking holidays compared with the same time last year.

"We had become pretty desperate," Peter Rothwell, marketing director of Lunn Poly, which has more than 500 shops throughout Britain, said. "Now some places are selling twice as many holidays as last year and the overall market has never looked better."

Only in the southeast, where the recession has hit harder than other regions, is the new determination to get away proving less than overwhelming. Traditionally the southeast accounts for around a third of all holiday sales, but so far this year it has slumped to 27 per cent while the north, which normally has the same percentage share of the market, has jumped to 40 per cent. "If the south was as enthusiastic as the north we would have sold out by now," Mr Rothwell said.

Andrew Wilson, commercial director of Thomas Cook — whose staff were asked to take a pay cut when things were at their blackest — was trying hard not to sound too excited by the new increase in bookings. "Bookings are well ahead of last year," he said, "but it is still early days. We won't be reinstating the pay levels until we have a clear indication of how long the market holds up at this level."

Even so he expects the total number of summer holidays taken this year to be no more than 10 per cent down on last, and possibly no more than 5 per cent down. That kind of optimistic forecast would have been unthinkable a few weeks ago.

Sales in the week ending January 13 were running at 30 per cent up on the previous year, according to Lunn Poly, but plunged overnight by 65 per cent. They remained at less than half the previous year's levels until the war ended when they suddenly increased to be 61 per cent ahead of the same period last year and have increased almost daily since then.

Majorca is again the most popular holiday destination this summer with 12 per cent of all customers choosing the island, followed by the US, the Canaries, the Spanish mainland and the Algarve. There has also been a sharp increase in demand for cruising.

Welsh team manager is cleared

TERRY Yorath, manager of the Welsh national football team, was cleared of a drink-driving offence yesterday after a certificate of analysis stating he was twice the legal limit was ruled inadmissible by Swansea magistrates. A charge of driving with excess alcohol, changed to driving while unfit through drink, was dismissed.

Police said that Mr Yorath, who admitted drinking whiskey and lemonade, was drunk when they stopped his car after it was seen veering across a road in Swansea on December 6. Mr Yorath denied being drunk and said his eyes were glazed through tiredness.

THE SUNDAY TIMES

Fowler on Thatcher's big mistake

❛In the leadership contest with Michael Heseltine, Thatcher made one decisive mistake. She was in Paris on the day of the first ballot. Had only two people changed their vote in the first-round ballot, she would have won outright. Had she been

at Westminster, she would certainly have achieved that and probably much more. It was a commentary upon her strength of personality that she had always been at her most vulnerable to criticism when out of the country.❜

Norman Fowler, from his memoirs, Ministers Decide, starting in The Sunday Times tomorrow

No fear of flying: Squadron Leader John Mardon, who had a heart-lung transplant eight months ago, with his wife Jeannie before taking a back seat in a dual-control Jaguar jet at RAF Coltishall, Norfolk, for his first flight since his operation.

After the 70-minute flight over the Welsh mountains he said: "It was great, absolutely fantastic. I feel absolutely fine and what I want to do now is find out when I can sign up for astronaut training."

Sqn Ldr Mardon, aged 40, second in command of 54 squadron at Coltishall, is to be made a wing commander in July. He wife said of his flight: "It was John's dream and he has fulfilled it."

Mower murder plot wife sentenced

By Paul Wilkinson

A BARRISTER'S wife who plotted with her lover to kill her husband by faking an accident with his ride-on lawn mower was jailed for eight years yesterday.

Susan Wybrow, aged 50, was found guilty last month at Norwich Crown Court of planning the murder of her husband Christopher with her lover Dennis Saunders, aged 55, a flying instructor. Saunders of Endsleigh Place, Colchester, Essex, was jailed for 10 years. He had met Mrs Wybrow when she took up flying lessons and an affair developed. The prosecution said the couple plotted to kill her husband because they wanted to gain control of the £400,000, 12-acre property.

Charles Kellett, for the prosecution, had said that in "the most bizarre and harebrained murder plot imaginable" Mrs Whybrow suggested to her husband that they should make love on the sitting room carpet of their farmhouse at Leavenheath, Suffolk. Saunders was hiding close by, intending to drag Mr Whybrow outside and either crush him with the mower or tip him and the machine into the duck pond. But Mr Whybrow, who has since divorced his wife, escaped to swim across the pond to safety.

Julian Beavan, QC, for Whybrow, said that at the time of the conspiracy she was confused, depressed and entangled in an emotional web.

Christ 'feigned death' to survive the cross

By Thomson Prentice
Medical correspondent

JESUS Christ did not die on the cross and might have feigned his death in a premeditated attempt to survive crucifixion, according to an article in the *Journal of the Royal College of Physicians*.

He might have lost consciousness because of diminished blood supply to the brain and is more likely to have been resuscitated than resurrected. His subsequent appearances could be explained by suggestibility among his followers.

The hypothesis is put forward by Trevor Lloyd Davies, aged 82, a retired physician and former chief medical adviser to the employment department, and his wife Margaret, a theologian. They suggest that the flogging Jesus received led to his early collapse on the cross, and that he was removed from it much sooner than was usual because he seemed to be dead.

Dr and Mrs Lloyd Davies say that, after six hours on the cross, Jesus gave out a cry. "The bystanders were in no doubt that he had died. Death from crucifixion usually took from three to four days from prolonged inability to breathe against gravity. His ashen skin and immobility were mistaken for death ... The cry may not have been any more than a loud expiration preceding syncope (fainting).

"Oxygen supply to the brain remained minimal, but above a critical level, until the circulation was restored when he was taken down from the cross and laid on the ground. As Jesus showed signs of life, he was not placed in a tomb, but taken away and tended."

The authors say Christ's later appearances, "whether real or supposed", are not compelling evidence for or against resurrection or resuscitation. "His followers underwent a transmarginal inhibition, a state of activity of the brain in which hysterical suggestibility frequently occurs."

They say that those who do not accept the Gospels must consider "whether the whole episode was planned by Jesus and his followers, possibly at Gethsemane, that death would be feigned so that early removal from the cross might be secured".

Preacher's black power tour delayed for 24 hours

By Peter Victor

THE expected arrival in Britain yesterday of the Reverend Al Sharpton, an outspoken New York-based black activist, for a five-day visit was delayed by 24 hours

An associate said Mr Sharpton had been detained by "other business". His secretary said he had missed his flight.

Mr Sharpton's arrival was being viewed with concern by police in southeast London where he plans to head a march protesting at the killing of Rolan Adams, aged 15, allegedly stabbed to death by white youths in Thamesmead.

Sharpton: police concern about his visit

Mr Sharpton told reporters in America that he wanted to meet Rolan's West Indian-born parents. Richard Adams, Rolan's father, said he was concerned that media interest in Mr Sharpton's visit would detract from the march.

Chief Supt John Philpott, head of policing in Thamesmead, said police were doing excellent work to catch the "small number of young people committing racial attacks". He was concerned about the effect of media coverage of the planned march and urged activists to co-operate with police.

The right-wing Monday Club urged the government to ban the preacher from entering the country. Peter Lloyd, immigration minister said there were no plans for this but the situation was under review.

Mr Sharpton will sign books in Tottenham today and give two sermons in southwest London tomorrow. He planned to tour Brixton, Toxteth, Moss Side and other inner city areas where racial tension has sparked violence.

Apathy reigns as queen of the dirt-diggers holds court

Kitty Kelley went to Harrods yesterday to less than avid interest, **Joe Joseph found**

PECULIARLY, considering she has just published a book that is selling faster than Big Macs in Moscow and which many Washington bigwigs find more unsavoury, there was nobody to mob the blow-dried and hair-sprayed Kitty Kelley when she arrived at Harrods' book hall yesterday morning.

The tabloids had cruelly dropped her like yesterday's B-movie starlet after dogging her all week, rummaging through her Dorchester hotel dustbins for dirt on the dirt-digger. Even the public had grown bored. Ringed by her entourage of publicists, publishers and bodyguards, she had come to sign books and pose for photographers.

A handful of photographers came and went. The public never came. "Short notice," said Harrods, "basically a photo-call anyway." The cameras stopped flashing after three minutes. Miss Kelley was either unaware that there were no longer camera lenses or public gazes staring at her, or, after a week of dawn-to-dusk interviews with the British media, she had forgotten how to rein back her extra-long parallel ski lips into a bored what-am-I-here-for pucker.

As she stared out uncomfortably at a puddle of uninterested book browsers, or down at the title page of her Nancy Reagan biography as she signed copies for Harrods sales staff, Miss Kelley continued to smile awkwardly but bravely.

Kelley: smile wavered, so did the public

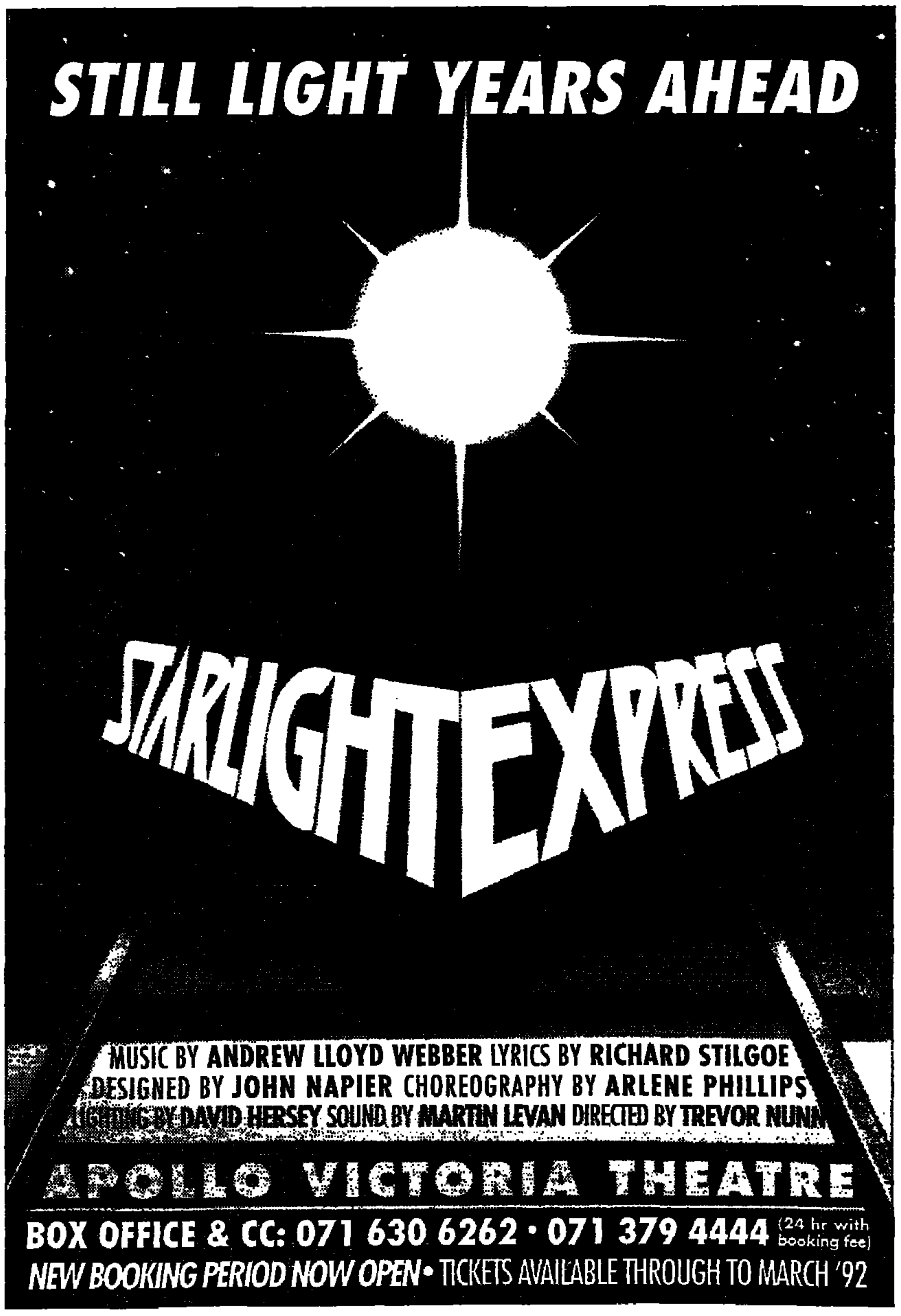
Perhaps Harrods customers don't like the scrum. A few had telephoned in their orders, others will settle for an off-the-shelf "Best, Kitty Kelley". Why does she bother to show up to sign a few books, when sales are already well into hundreds of thousands? "Because I love bookshops, and I do whatever I can to help them." Mohamed Al-Fayed, the owner of Harrods, must weep with thanks for such thoughtfulness.

"If you'd given us a bit more notice," said Michael Cole, Harrods' PR supremo, "we'd have had a Frank Sinatra tape playing."

"Oh, I would have felt so at home," purred Kitty in her black catsuit under a Chanel-style green jacket. Getting bored, or behind in her quota of book-signing, "Best, Kitty Kelley" shrank to "Kitty Kelley", although her estimation of the absent British reader remained generous. "Here you see it as a book that shines a mirror on America. In America, they see it as a book that shines a mirror on the American press, asleep at the wheel throughout the 1980s."

It was a phrase she must have repeated, slightly changed, oh, 470 times over the past week. Once delivered, the internal tape loop clicked off, rewound, and the quote was ready for its next broadcast in Dublin today. Miss Kelley signed the Harrods Visitors Book — "Oh, what an honour" — she rose, she moved towards *Bed Linen and Glassware* surrounded by a swarm of hangers-on, like bees on a jam sandwich. Then she exited, pursued by no one.

Lurid tales, page 6
Leading article, page 9



MUSIC BY ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER LYRICS BY RICHARD STILGOE
DESIGNED BY JOHN NAPIER CHOREOGRAPHY BY ARLENE PHILLIPS
LIGHTING BY DAVID HERSEY SOUND BY MARTIN LEVAN DIRECTED BY TREVOR NUNN
APOLLO VICTORIA THEATRE
BOX OFFICE & CC: 071 630 6262 • 071 379 4444 (24 hr with booking fee)
NEW BOOKING PERIOD NOW OPEN • TICKETS AVAILABLE THROUGH TO MARCH '92

Development of derelict land marks latest stage of Birmingham's renaissance

Heseltine puts focus again on inner-city regeneration

By CRAIG SETON

A POLITICIAN and a city whose fortunes are both enjoying a renaissance came together yesterday when Michael Heseltine visited Birmingham during his nationwide tour of inner cities.

Mr Heseltine's seven-city tour is his first as environment secretary since he last held that position in the early years of Margaret Thatcher's premiership. He was then given the task of inspiring schemes to regenerate the bleak, rundown areas of inner cities in the wake of riots.

Yesterday, he fitted back comfortably into that role and returned to Birmingham to see projects backed by government funding that are breathing new life into areas once scarred by dereliction. The city is at the peak of other activity aimed at achieving the status of an international business and cultural centre.

Mr Heseltine was in confident mood after announcing details of the proposed new council tax in the Commons earlier this week. He clearly wanted to talk more about inner city revival than the poll tax issue that has dominated his duties since he returned to the cabinet.

He called the poll tax a dead electoral issue, but as the architect of its replacement, he would not be drawn to say whether it had been launched in time to restore Tory fortunes in the May 2 local elections, especially in Birmingham, the jewel in the crown of the big municipalities, which has been Labour-controlled for seven years. Mr Heseltine said: "I do not think one wants to believe that elections are about one issue. We hope people will think what we have done is fair and comments indicate they do think that."

Tory prospects in Birmingham need revival. Labour has an overall majority of more than 20 seats and most of the 39 being contested next week are Conservative. The Tories fear they could lose several and are doomed to remain in opposition in a city described by its Labour leaders as a model of sensible socialism, enjoying a steadfast revival after the the last recession.

Birmingham has just opened its £160 million international convention centre with a new symphony hall and last year persuaded Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet, now the Birmingham Royal Ballet, to relocate to the city.

Mr Heseltine toured parts of east Birmingham where 2,000 acres of derelict land are being cleared and redeveloped by Birmingham Heartlands, a development agency formed by a partnership between the city council and five big construction companies. There he handed over the keys to a £52,000 home, part of a new urban village in Bordesley. The house would fall between bands B and C of the new council tax and government figures suggest that Finian and Angela Devlin, the new owners, would pay between £320 and £360, compared with their poll tax bill of over £800 last year. However, they would not disclose whether it would persuade them to vote Conservative.

Halfway through his whistle-stop tour of the inner city, Mr Heseltine was whisked off by Conservative councillors to visit Sundridge Junior/Infant School in the suburb of Oscott. They wanted to show him the delapidated, wartime prefabricated huts still used as classrooms and for which they blame the Labour council. Mr Heseltine promised to convey what he had seen to Kenneth Clarke, the education secretary. Reg Hales, the Tory opposition leader, said the Labour council spent £7 million on neighbourhood offices, but could not provide decent classes for schoolchildren.

Leading article, page 9

Breaking new ground: Mr Heseltine wields a silver-plated pickaxe on his visit to Bordesley urban village

Labour scorns Tory target of 5p cut in basic rate tax

By NICHOLAS WOOD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

LABOUR last night poured scorn on the government's long-term objective of cutting the basic rate of income tax to 20p in the pound, saying that such a move would cost £29 billion in lost revenue and would be economically and socially irresponsible.

The attack by John Smith, the shadow chancellor, amounted to a further move by the Opposition to dent the credibility of the Conservatives' tax-cutting credentials. Labour leaders recognise that the Tories' reputation as the party of low taxation has proved an electoral asset in the past and they are making repeated attempts to devalue its electoral appeal.

The Opposition is committed to undercutting Conservative *tax rates at the bottom* of the income scale. Earlier this week it produced figures suggesting that the average family had gained little from the tax-cutting years under Margaret Thatcher. The decision by Norman Lamont, the chancellor, to restate in the Budget the goal of a 20p basic rate of tax when it was prudent to do so was widely seen by Tory MPs as a signal that one of the most radical elements of the Thatcher inheritance will be safeguarded by John Major.

Last night, Mr Smith recalled that pledge and estimated that the cumulative cost of reducing taxes by 1p every year for the five-year life of a parliament was £29 billion. Speaking at Stirling university, he said: "There is no plausible economic or social justification for a £29 billion tax giveaway.

"To cut income tax by 5p is economically irresponsible because a fiscal relaxation on such a scale will run serious risks with both inflation and the balance of payments. And to cut income tax by 5p is socially unwise because our investment needs in skills, in schools, in hopsitals and in our infrastructure are simply too great to be ignored any longer."

Mr Smith argued that it was impossible for the prime minister to square his desire for better public services with his tax promises.

"How can Mr Major improve the standards in our schools and hospitals if at the same time he *is planning* to raise £29 billion less in tax? Tax cuts and higher levels of public investment are mutually exclusive. You cannot have both."

However, ministers have argued that the past ten years shows that tax cuts increase economic activity and so generate higher revenues and real increases in public spending.

Call to keep two-tier planning

By DOUGLAS BROOM
LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORRESPONDENT

PROPOSALS for a reorganisation of local government could undermine attempts to protect the countryside from large-scale development, David Puttnam, the film director, said yesterday.

Mr Puttnam, president of the Council for the Protection of Rural England, said that the present planning system, which had emerged as "one of the most powerful environmental tools we have", must be safeguarded in any reforms. He told the District Planning Officers Society, in Norfolk, that the present two-tier structure of county and district councils offered a series of checks and balances on planning.

A government consultation paper has called for the creation of a single tier of local government in most parts of England from 1994. Mr Puttnam said, however, that a single body could not be expected to consider strategic as well as local issues.

Not only was the present planning system a bulwark against unwanted development, it also had a crucial role in ensuring that new buildings and transport networks were environmentally acceptable, he said. Dismantling the two-tier system would also weaken the role of local planning authorities in protecting the environment.

At present, county councils are required to draw up strategic structure plans while the districts prepare their own local plans and deal with planning applications within policy guidelines laid down in the county plans.

Tickell urges action to avert global disaster

By MICHAEL MCCARTHY, ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

ONE of the most pessimistic pictures to be given by a senior political figure of the future facing the world because of environmental change was painted last night by Sir Crispin Tickell, the former British ambassador to the United Nations and the man credited with the "greening" of Margaret Thatcher.

Giving the annual St George's House lecture in St George's Chapel, Windsor, Sir Crispin, environmental adviser to John Major, said that accelerating changes to the environment, particularly in the climate and in the mass extinctions of species, could wipe out human life unless there was a shift in thinking away from valuing the earth and its natural resources in economic terms, to seeing their biological value.

Human population increase, he said, was the driving force behind both global warming and the destruction of biodiversity (large numbers of species). He compared the human race to microbes on a laboratory plate with food in its centre, multiplying in accelerating numbers, and at their most prolific as they reach the edge. "Then the food runs out, the microbes die in their multi-billions, and extinction takes place."

Sir Crispin told an audience chaired by the Duke of Edinburgh: "For us, unlike the microbes, there is still a chance. But it is clear that accelerating changes to the environment, particularly in changing climate and in limiting the diversity of life, could do profound damage to ourselves: how people live, where they live, whether they live."

So far, he said, all past human civilisations had crashed. None over time had reached a well-regulated steady state with population in balance with natural resources. "There is no reason to believe that ours is any different. Indeed, current signs are to the contrary." The apocalyptic tone of Sir Crispin's warning, at the end of a detailed catalogue of global environmental dangers, from projected rises in temperature and sea-level to the sudden collapse of entire eco-systems, was the more remarkable in coming from one of the leading authorities on environmental geopolitics and a man not given to exaggeration. He is credited with Mrs Thatcher's conversion to environmental concern in 1988, and is now Warden of Green College, Oxford.

The only way forward, he said, was a profound change in thinking among those dominant in society, in government, business, universities and in educated opinion generally, and among those directly involved with environmental problems, such as the destruction of rain forests. They had to see the biological value of the ecosystems of the earth which were being consumed and destroyed, but represented the earth's stability.

"An ecosystem can be likened to the structure of a Noah's ark," he said. "We can remove one, two or ten rivets without apparent damage. But at a certain point — it could be the eleventh or the thousandth rivet — we cause the timbers to fall apart."

Tickell: "Human life could be wiped out"

Gould rates figures a con trick, MPs say

By OUR POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

LABOUR'S rates figures understate the true charges to householders by at least 40 per cent, a group of Conservative MPs said yesterday.

The Opposition has said that its formula for returning to a property tax would cut poll tax bills by £140 this year and produce average household bills £67 cheaper than the government's council tax. However, the nine MPs, led by Patrick Nicholls, a former environment minister, said that Labour's figures were a con trick.

They said that Labour's arithmetic was based on the false assumption that a Labour government would retain economy measures such as capping and competitive tendering for council services, all of which it would abolish. "How can you believe Labour's rate figures, which assume rate-capping will remain, when Labour has promised that capping will be abolished?" Mr Nicholls said.

David Martin, Tory MP for Portsmouth South and parliamentary aide to the foreign secretary, said: "Unlike the government, Labour has not proposed any limit on how high bills could climb, so people living in detached houses would be fleeced. It would not be difficult to find individuals having to pay over £1,600 a year."

Last night, as Labour began distributing thousands of copies of a new leaflet highlighting its promise of lower bills, Bryan Gould, the party's chief environment spokesman, said that the figures were correct. He said that the council tax introduced two new surcharges, adding £67 to average bills: first, to subsidise the wealthiest people in the biggest houses and, second, to give automatic discounts to single people irrespective of their means. The Conservatives were not so much running a council election campaign as running scared, he said.

Michael Brown, Tory MP for Brigg and Cleethorpes, said that Labour's figures had to be increased by at least 40 per cent to lend them any credibility. Capping was worth 30 per cent off bills and competitive tendering 12 per cent. He said that there was a danger of a local authority "binge" sweeping aside Mr Gould's "invented" figures. Andrew Mitchell, MP for Gedling and parliamentary private secretary to John Wakeham, said that Labour plans to neuter the Audit Commission would also push up bills.

Ousted MP accused of sour grapes

Two losers in a Labour reselection contest, including the sitting MP, are to appeal against the result. Bill Frost reports

PIARA Khabra, a retired Sikh schoolteacher who this week trounced a veteran Labour MP in a reselection contest, yesterday accused his fellow nominees of sour grapes after notice had been served that the result would be questioned.

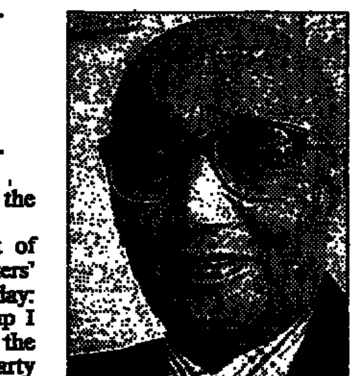
Mr Khabra, aged 65, easily topped the poll of party candidates to represent Ealing Southall, a safe Labour seat which includes Neil Kinnock's home. Sydney Bidwell, who has held the seat for 25 years, was eliminated from the contest on Thursday night after finishing third.

Both Mr Bidwell and Valerie Vaz, who came second, are lodging appeals with *Labour's national executive*, alleging procedural irregularities. The constituency vote must be ratified by the executive.

Mr Khabra, president of the Southall Indian Workers' Association, said yesterday: "If I had been runner-up I would have accepted the result for the sake of party unity at the next election. It is sour grapes."

Dismissing suggestions that the outcome of the poll had been a victory for black activists over a long-serving and assiduous white MP in a largely Asian constituency, Mr Khabra said: "I am capable of representing every section of opinion, every culture and every religion.

"I am a man of the people, I bear no malice. There is a quick flare-up, and then everything is forgotten. I will phone Syd and discuss the deselection once he has calmed down." In the aftermath of the vote, Mr Bidwell said: "I will definitely be appealing to the national executive on the basis of the code of conduct governing what candidates are supposed to do and not to do."



Khabra: "Politics can make you unhappy"

Although most of the votes were cast three months ago, counting was delayed by legal action in the High Court. Polling had been frozen in one ward after complaints over membership irregularities.

Mr Bidwell, aged 74, polled only 58 votes out of 563 cast. He became the third Labour MP in this parliament to be deselected by his local party after John Hughes (Coventry North East) and Ron Brown (Edinburgh Leith). Mr Khabra polled 377 votes.

Yesterday the victor told the also-rans that there should be no bitterness in the aftermath of the selection vote. "Politics is a game which sometimes makes you unhappy. This constituency will return a Labour MP with an increased majority at the next general election," he said.

Labour's national executive will be asked to consider the outcome of the contest in Ealing Southall constituency at a meeting next month. Mr Khabra declined to comment on the outcome of the deliberations.

West Bromwich Building Society

INDEPENDENT AND STRONG

The bigger your mortgage, the more you save.

10.75% (13.5% APR). Right now one of the lowest mortgage rates you can get.

The West Bromwich Building Society mortgage rate offer is hard to beat.

Because every new mortgage or remortgage comes with a generous discount for the first 6 months.

There's a massive 2% off our base rate of 12.75% on advances over £100,000 for instance. That makes a rate of 10.75% (13.5% APR) – one of the lowest anywhere. There are great discounts on smaller mortgages too.

The discount applies to all new mortgages up to 90% of the purchase price* (85% for remortgages).

So start saving on your mortgage repayments now.

Contact your local West Bromwich Building Society Branch or phone our Mortgage Hotline now.

MORTGAGE	DISCOUNT OFFER	DISCOUNT RATE	APR VARIABLE
	For the first 6 months		
Up to £60,000	1% discount	11.75%	13.6%
£60,001 to £100,000	1½% discount	11.25%	13.6%
Over £100,000	2% discount	10.75%	13.5%

*Or the valuation, whichever is lower.

Call our Mortgage Hotline now – 021-525 7070

Principal Office: 374 High Street, West Bromwich, West Midlands B70 8LR. Telephone: 021-525 7070

The Society is a Member of The Building Societies Association. Shares and Deposits in the Society are Trustee Investments.
The Society is regulated by the Securities and Investments Board for the Financial Services Act 1986.

Example of loan £60,001 to £100,000. Application for an endowment mortgage of £75,000, secured over 25 years on a purchase price of £100,000. Monthly mortgage payment for six months, £612.82 net of basic rate income tax; monthly mortgage payment for 254 months £717.19 net of basic rate income tax. Monthly endowment premium for 300 months £103.00. Total amount payable £184,095. Example assumes rate of 12.75%. 13.8% APR variable, with a 1½% discount on this variable mortgage interest rate for the first six months. Typical example is based on a couple, both non-smokers, man aged 35, woman aged 35. It relates to the nominal interest rate stated and assumes that the rate applies for the full term with the loan running for the same period. It includes typical Solicitors' costs, Deeds release fees, application fee (including the cost of valuation) and accrued interest. It excludes the cost of property insurance, indemnity guarantee premium and conveyancing. The property must be insured to the cost of replacement value. This example does not constitute a quotation or contract. Full written quotations available on request. Endowment and mortgage guarantee policies will be required as additional security where necessary. All loans subject to status and satisfactory valuation, with a maximum advance of 90% of the purchase price or valuation, whichever is the lower for house purchase, and a maximum advance of 85% of the purchase price or valuation, whichever is lower for remortgages. Not available for persons under 18. Offer effective from 22.4.91, with limited funds available.

YOUR HOME IS AT RISK IF YOU DO NOT KEEP UP REPAYMENTS ON A MORTGAGE OR OTHER LOAN SECURED ON IT.

[illegible]

هكذا عن الأصل

Schools which opt out will revive lost sixth forms

By DAVID TYTLER, EDUCATION EDITOR

SIXTH forms will return to many schools which lost them under local authority control following the government's decision to allow grant-maintained schools to change the way they are run and choose their pupils. A mass return to grammar schools, however, is unlikely.

Jack Straw, Labour's education spokesman, said that grammar schools would be reintroduced by the back door after Kenneth Clarke, education secretary, lifted the five-year limit on fundamental changes to schools that had opted out of local government control.

Grant-maintained schools will be able to apply for changes in the way they are run after 18 months or two years but Mr Clarke said that he did not believe there would be a return to grammar schools as few schools would want to become selective.

Bob Balchin, chairman of the Grant-Maintained Schools' Foundation, said "I have not found one head who admits to wanting to return to selection although a few former grammar schools might want to consider the option. There are schools that would like to add sixth forms, admit girls to their sixth forms, or open junior schools."

Graham Locke, headmaster of Audenshaw High School, Tameside, Greater Manchester, said: "Parents asked us to consider setting up a sixth form when we first became grant-maintained and the governors will now look at the proposal actively. We will have a problem of accommodation but there may be grants available to help us."

The former grammar school had a sixth form until ten years ago but Mr Locke said: "Not one person has ever mentioned that we should reintroduce selection but parents do want a sixth form."

Many of the 72 grant-maintained schools would find it difficult to finance the rebuilding required to introduce sixth forms. Christopher Hampson, headmaster of St James's School, Bolton, said that he would seek permission to sell half his 11-acre school grounds to raise £750,000 for a sixth form centre.

Roger Perks, headmaster of the Baverstock School, Birmingham, said grant-maintained schools in inner cities could increase the staying-on rate after 16 which, despite improvements last year which took the figure to 53 per cent, still lagged behind our competitors.

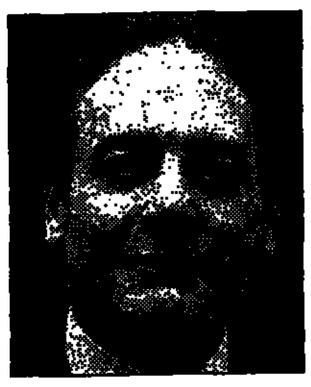
☐ Performance-related pay was "inevitable" for teachers and heads with the creation of a pay review body and teachers should introduce a sensible programme of their own before it is imposed from the outside, David Hart, general secretary of the National Association of Headteachers, said yesterday.

The association would issue guidelines to all heads and deputies and all schools should adopt them, he told a conference of grant-maintained school heads

Kemnal Manor school in Bromley, south London, has become the first to introduce performance-related pay for teachers. John Atkins, the head teacher, can earn up to £3,000 more than his basic salary.

His 45 staff could add £1,000 a year to their salaries if they met the headmaster's targets.

The National Union of Teachers attacked the scheme as "highly divisive".



Balchin: "Heads don't want return to selection"

Recession benefits universities

BRITISH universities are benefiting from the recession as more businesses and organisations use their comparatively inexpensive accommodation for conferences. Universities earned a record £65 million that way last year (David Tytler writes).

Carole Formon, general secretary of the British University Accommodation Consortium, said the conference trade has grown by 250 per cent in ten years and is likely to continue to grow. "The recession can only affect us for the good because universities are so much better value for money than most of the alternatives.

"Universities are becoming very much more commercial. There has been a continuous investment programme aimed at generating income during university vacations as government funding has shrunk and this is now paying off," she said.

This week's *Times Higher Educational Supplement* reports that the *Universities' Statistical Record* shows that income from "other services rendered" has risen in real terms from £19 million in 1981 to £67 million in 1988/89, mostly from the conference business and increasingly through leisure services for the community.

The most successful university is Durham, which earned almost £4 million and is now experimenting with providing specialist holidays. Nottingham university earned £3.5 million and Warwick £2.6 million, a five-fold increase since 1980, while in Scotland, Heriot-Watt university raised £2 million, against £15,000 ten years ago.

Space link: Nadia al-Aidarous, Harrogate ladies college head girl, prepares for the school's radio link with Helen Sharman, Britain's first astronaut, who will spend six days in the Mir space station next month on the Anglo-Soviet Juno mission

Parish must share £66,000 windfall

By RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

A *RECTOR* who wanted to spend a £66,000 windfall on evangelism in his parish has had his plea rejected. A consistory court judge ruled that one third of the money should be paid instead to the diocese.

The development company MEPC paid the £66,000 to erect scaffolding and a crane over the churchyard of St Andrew-by-the-Wardrobe with St Ann Blackfriars in the City of London. The Rev John Paul, its rector, had objected to plans to divide the windfall between the London Diocesen Fund and his parochial church council.

The Ven George Cassidy, Archdeacon of London, submitted that only £43,000 should be paid to the council and the rest should go to the fund, which finances clergy, their vicarages and other diocesan work. The archdeacon said last night that the case highlighted a wider problem in the diocese, which has 140 out of 450 parishes in urban priority areas.

The 24 parishes and 12 guild churches in the City were relatively wealthy compared to the rest of the diocese, he said, adding that a church that receives a windfall should in fairness contribute some of it to the wider work of the church.

"Individual parishes cannot be allowed to look only to themselves," he said. "They have to realise that they are part of the wider church and that they share the responsibilities of the wider church."

Mr Paul and Mr Bulmer-Thomas argued that they needed the whole of the £66,000 for the purposes of evangelism. They wanted to use the money "to establish a trust fund for the promotion of evangelism in and around Blackfriars through the spoken word, music and movement or other matters". Money would be spent on extending evangelism through the advanced Sunday school, made up of young adults meeting on Sunday afternoons in the three university terms.

The consistory court hearing took place over two days, one in December last year and one in March this year.

Donations plea as 27m face famine

By ALICE THOMSON

STARVATION is facing 27 million people in the Horn of Africa, half of them children, yet public donations are falling, the Save the Children charity said yesterday. The famine is Africa's worst in living memory but people have become immune to television pictures of skeletal children and are suffering from "donor fatigue".

They excuse themselves for stopping donating by blaming the countries involved for over-population, wars and economic collapse. Next week Save the Children launches its largest appeal for sub-Saharan Africa and is determined to win back the attention of people who have become preoccupied with events in eastern Europe and the Gulf.

The charity has produced a report, *Famine Myths*, aimed at demolishing preconceptions. Jonathan Dimbleby, the broadcaster, said yesterday: "It is vital that people are given the facts so that they can understand that many of those dying in Africa are dying not just from the effects of starvation but also from prejudice."

Somalia sackings, page 6

Medical chief named

Kenneth Calman is to succeed Sir Donald Acheson as the government's chief medical officer, it was announced yesterday. Professor Calman, aged 49, has been chief medical officer, Scottish home and health department, since 1989.

Professor Calman was previously professor of oncology at Glasgow university and later dean of postgraduate medicine and professor of postgraduate medical education. Sir Donald is to retire from the civil service in September.

Police accused

More than 20 Merseyside police officers have been questioned after a landlord complained that members of a police rugby team were unruly and stole food from his public house near Cannock, Staffordshire police said.

Rivers abused

Rivers are being used as dustbins, the National Rivers Authority said yesterday. Each year in the Thames valley region 2,000 tonnes of rubbish and 7,000 supermarket trolleys were discarded in or near rivers, it said.

Treasure dispute

A man who found a gold Bronze Age necklace won the right in the High Court yesterday to challenge a coroner's court verdict that it was treasure trove. Dennis Chaddock of Salisbury, Wiltshire, claims the jury was misdirected.

Coroner to go

Stefan Popper, the Sheffield coroner, who presided over the Hillsborough inquests, said yesterday that he was to resign for personal reasons.

Player guilty

A footballer who assaulted a linesman was conditionally discharged for two years by Exeter magistrates yesterday. Mark Salter, aged 24, had earlier been banned by the FA from playing for five years. He denied the charge.

Wages stolen

Two raiders held 11 staff hostage before stealing £79,000 from a wages van delivering to a London Electricity depot in Enfield, north London, on Thursday.

Firework death

An inquest jury returned a verdict of accidental death yesterday on Michael Darroch, aged 27, who died when a two-kilogramme firework exploded as he packed it with gunpowder at the Le Maitre Fireworks factory, Peterborough.

Forger jailed

John Fitzgerald, aged 29, of Southend-on-Sea, Essex, was jailed for ten years yesterday after admitting forging £50,000 on a photocopier. About £8,500 that was in circulation has been recovered.

1991 CARS
1989 PRICES

£5210
£4745
£7696
UNO
TIPO
THE FIAT PANDA 1000CL FORMULA '91
THE FIAT UNO 45 FORMULA '91
THE FIAT TIPO 1.4 FORMULA '91

BEAT INFLATION AND THE BUDGET

Just when the Budget has increased the cost of motoring, Fiat have reduced the cost of buying a new car.

You can now buy any of the Formula '91 Fiats for the same price as an equivalent model in April 1989. Even allowing for the recent VAT increase.

Choose between the chic, economical Panda; Uno, the ultimate nippy hatchback; or Tipo, with its 100% galvanized external steel panels, produced in the world's most advanced car plant.

FINANCE OFFERS
CONTACT YOUR LOCAL FIAT DEALER TO FIND OUT ABOUT THE GREAT RANGE OF FINANCE PACKAGES AVAILABLE INCLUDING 0% FINANCE **(0% APR)** ON SELECTED MODELS.

And, like all Fiats, the Formula '91's come with a full aftercare package; *comprising a six year anti-perforation warranty,* a three year paintwork warranty, a one year manufacturer's warranty, and a year's free Fiat AA Assurance Membership.

So to beat the budget, and find out about our great finance deals, available across the whole Fiat range, call 0800 717000.

FIAT
DESIGNED FOR LIFE

THE ABOVE PRICES INCLUDE VAT AT 17.5% AND CAR TAX BUT EXCLUDE AN ESTIMATED £220 FOR DELIVERY TO DEALER, NUMBER PLATES AND £100 FOR 12 MONTHS ROAD FUND LICENCE. FINANCE ARRANGED THROUGH FIAT FINANCE LTD, 12 CALTHORPE ROAD, EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM B15 1QZ. LICENSED CREDIT BROKERS. APPLICANTS MUST BE OVER 18 YEARS OF AGE AND SUBJECT TO ACCEPTANCE. WRITTEN QUOTATIONS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST. OFFERS DO NOT INCLUDE CHANNEL ISLANDS. PRICES CORRECT AT TIME OF GOING TO PRESS. OFFERS APPLY TO VEHICLES PURCHASED AND REGISTERED UP TO 31ST MAY 1991 AT PARTICIPATING DEALERS. SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY

Bush offers aid to Hanoi in sign of warming relations

From MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

FOR the first time since the end of the Vietnam war in 1975, America is to give a small but symbolic amount of financial aid to Hanoi. The American offer of $1 million (£590,000) for artificial limbs for those injured in the conflict came less than a week after Washington announced it was opening a temporary office in Hanoi to resolve remaining cases of missing American servicemen.

The Assistant Secretary of State for East Asia, Richard Solomon, said that the moves "should not be seen as a first step toward normalisation of relations", but officials agreed that they were designed to enourage the slow thaw that began in 1989 when Vietnam removed the last of 140,000 troops from Cambodia.

Last July, in a shift of policy, James Baker, the Secretary of State, announced that America would open a dialogue with Vietnam about resolving the Cambodian conflict. In October, Nguyen Co Thach, the Vietnamese foreign minister, became the first senior Hanoi official to visit Washington. This month, the Bush administration produced a "road map" detailing successive steps that Hanoi must take for Washington to restore relations and end the 15-year trade embargo that has hobbled the Vietnamese economy.

Basically, it wants Hanoi's co-operation in accounting for 2,276 Americans still missing from the war, and in ending the Cambodian civil war. The Vietnamese insist they are already co-operating fully on the personnel missing in action, a claim disputed in Washington, but they are reluctant to press Hun Sen, the Cambodian prime minister, to accept a United Nations peace plan they fear could be subverted by the Khmer Rouge.

Vietnam badly needs American economic help, and President Bush is also under pressure to put the war behind him and normalise relations.

The administration is being lobbied by American corporations, which see rivals moving into a potentially lucrative market as Hanoi dismantles its centrally planned economy. Last November, a bipartisan group of senior senators urged Mr Bush to lift the trade embargo, saying it had "outlived its usefulness". At the same time a *Time* magazine poll suggested that Americans had put the war's psychological scars behind them. Forty-eight per cent favoured restored relations and nearly 70 per cent supported ending the trade embargo.

Washington takes another step to repair its policies in South-East Asia this weekend when Robert Kimmitt, under-secretary for political affairs, flies to Peking this weekend to discuss deteriorating relations with China. He will warn the Peking leadership of growing congressional opposition to renewing China's preferential trading status this June.

Mr Bush resisted demands for tough sanctions against the Chinese after the Tiananmen Square mass killings in 1989, saying he wanted to preserve a dialogue, but except for Chinese acquiescence during the Gulf war that policy has yielded few results.

The president agreed this month to meet the Dalai Lama, the Tibetan spiritual leader, at the White House despite Chinese objections, a sign that even his patience might be wearing thin. The Chinese foreign ministry said that any American attempt to link its preferential trading status with human rights issues would amount to interference in its internal affairs and would further jeopardise relations.

● **BANGKOK:** The Khmer Rouge, who ran the marxist regime which terrorised the Cambodian people during its years in power, agreed yesterday to a temporary ceasefire in the civil war now in its 13th year (Neil Kelly writes) The two non-communist anti-government groups and the Vietnamese-backed administration in Phnom Penh had accepted the ceasefire proposal this week.

Officials of the non-communist resistance groups said Khmer Rouge leaders had accepted a truce because their guerrillas were under heavy pressure from government forces, although intelligence sources say fighting recently had been on a small scale. The resistance fighters say they are concentrating on rural political and economic work, not military operations.

Leading article, page 9

By invitation only: travel agents from around the world looking at a group of Bushmen on a stand at an exhibition by the South African tourism board in Cape Town yesterday. The board invited the agents to show them what the country had to offer in an attempt to boost tours

Brazilian children's champion missing

Belem – Volmer Nascimento, Brazil's defender of street children, has mysteriously disappeared in Rio de Janeiro, less than three hours after the Princess of Wales visited a street children's project in the centre of the city (Louise Byrne writes).

Senhor Nascimento, aged 39, who should have been under police protection after threats to his life, failed to turn up for a meeting with British journalists. He had left the headquarters of the National Movement of Street Children at midday, without police protection, to go to the bank, telling staff to keep his lunch hot because he would return in half an hour.

President Collor de Mello gave him police protection last year after thousands of letters from Amnesty International members called for his safety to be guaranteed. It is not yet clear why this protection was halted just a few days ago. The death threats had warned him to stop his protests against the killing of children forced to live on the streets.

The national movement says that 445 street children were killed last year in the city, the victims of extermination groups.

Nakasone back

Tokyo – The former Japanese prime minister, Yasuhiro Nakasone, emerged from political exile to rejoin the ruling Liberal Democratic Party at the age of 73. Mr Nakasone resigned from the LDP in May 1989, becoming an independent politician and formally taking responsibility for the Recruit bribery scandal.

Oil hits Riviera

Nice – Oil spills from the tanker Haven which sank off Italy two weeks ago have polluted some of the French Riviera's best-known beaches and are drifting further along the coast, officials said. Mayors of towns have been asked to step up surveillance and enlist firefighters to clean up beaches. *(Reuter)*

Birth vigilante

Peking – A Chinese farmer, Qi Yongxin, has been sentenced to death for murdering Yu Zuqiang, who told authorities that he was trying to have a fourth child, thereby violating birth control policies, the official *Farmers' Daily* said. Qi also crippled Yu's three-year-old son. *(Reuter)*

Siege broken

Colombo – Sri Lankan troops have ended a month-long siege by separatist Tamil rebels of an island naval base, killing 26 guerrillas, military sources said. Six soldiers were killed and 20 wounded in the battle for Karainagar naval base on Karaitivu, the sources said. *(Reuter)*

Settling down

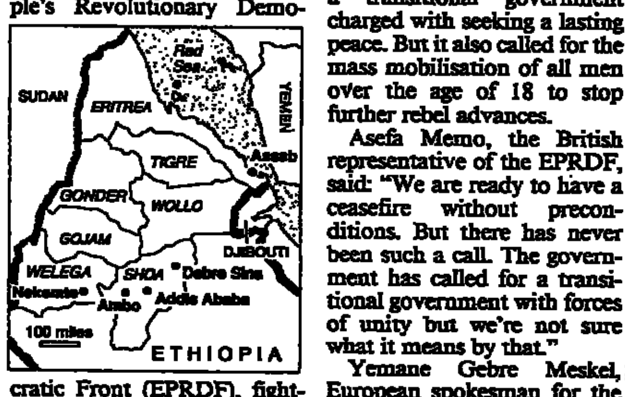
Peterborough, Ontario – A Briton, Christopher Jackson, who has entered Canada illegally five times, finally got his wish to stay in the country when a judge ordered him to spend the next two years in prison. His lawyer said he had now married a Canadian and was probably now eligible for citizenship. *(AP)*

Mengistu sacks closest advisers

By ANDREW LYCETT

BOWING to popular pressure in the face of military reverses, President Mengistu of Ethiopia yesterday attempted to put a different face on his government by appointing Tesfaye Dinka, his civilian foreign minister, as prime minister and by sacking his cabinet, including the hardliners.

On Monday, the Ethiopian parliament called for a ceasefire by all parties in the country's civil war and the setting-up of a government of national unity. On Wednesday, the rebel Ethiopian People's Revolutionary Democratic Front (EPRDF), fighting to overthrow President Mengistu, responded by taking the key garrison town of Ambo, just 65 miles west of the capital, Addis Ababa, and the site of one of the government's largest armament factories. The United States has now ordered all non-essential embassy staff to leave.



Mr Tesfaye, who impressed observers with his skilful handling of Ethiopia's foreign affairs, is charged with assembling "a new cabinet of qualified and acceptable individuals" and with extending its ethnic base to reflect Ethiopia's diverse ethnic groups.

A government spokesman said the change was "a kind of restructuring, a streamlining of the administration". He emphasised that President Mengistu remained in overall executive control.

Following its emergency session, the one-party parliament voted unanimously to establish a dialogue with opposition parties and to form a transitional government charged with seeking a lasting peace. But it also called for the mass mobilisation of all men over the age of 18 to stop further rebel advances.

Asefa Memo, the British representative of the EPRDF, said: "We are ready to have a ceasefire without preconditions. But there has never been such a call. The government has called for a transitional government with forces of unity but we're not sure what it means by that."

Yemane Gebre Meskel, European spokesman for the Eritrean People's Liberation Front (EPLF), making gains in the north in its fight for Eritrean independence, said: "Mengistu is just doing this for the sake of appearances. The main emphasis is again on military mobilisation. The parliament has called for a government of national unity. But it is excluding opposition groups by saying it will only talk with those who accept Ethiopia's territorial integrity."

Republics denounce Kremlin for 'third world war' at Chernobyl

Robert Seely reports from Kiev on the remembrance rallies, vigils and mock trials focusing on the victims and the culprits of the nuclear disaster

THE Ukrainian and Belorussian republics commemorated the fifth anniversary of the Chernobyl nuclear accident yesterday with denunciations of the Soviet central authorities, calls for independence, and mock trials. Volodymyr Yavorivsky, the chairman of the Ukraine's parliamentary Chernobyl enquiry committee, compared the environmental damage in the republic to the effects of a third world war.

Mr Yavorivsky, whose full report on the disaster is expected next month, told the communist-dominated supreme soviet: "I would like the world to know that the scale of the Chernobyl disaster is such that we have every reason to say that Ukraine was the place of a third world war. What was science fiction yesterday is reality today. It is our reality and even our children realise this."

Elsewhere in the Soviet Union, remembrance rallies were held. In Belorussia's capital, Minsk, the pro-independence Popular Front said that more than 10,000 people attended a vigil while there were peaceful demonstrations in many other cities throughout the republic.

In the Ukrainian town of Slavutych, where many of the evacuees from Chernobyl were rehoused, crowds gathered to pay tribute to Chernobyl's victims. Thousands of people were expected to attend an open-air church service in the Ukrainian capital, Kiev, yesterday evening. A concert in the city in the early hours of yesterday was poorly attended, however, with fewer than 2,000 people staying to mark the moment of the explosion.

The demonstrations and condemnations followed President Gorbachev's announcement calling for scientific and financial aid to be sent to the Soviet Union "in the interests of the whole of humanity". The president's address, released Thursday night from Moscow, thanked the countries and organisations that had helped with the relief programme and appealed for further aid.

Mr Gorbachev said: "I appeal to the governments of all countries, to international, national, and public organisations and to all people of goodwill with a proposal that they should take part intellectually and financially in the implementation of the international programme, which is being carried out under the supervision of the World Health Organisation.

"The result of the implementation of this programme will be used in the interests of the whole of humanity. The USSR will provide it with all necessary moral and material support. The future of this programme will to a significant degree depend on international co-operation."

In the Ukraine's Supreme Soviet, however, the Soviet central government and loyal Ukrainian communist officials were bitterly criticised for their handling of the accident and its aftermath.

Committee chairman Mr Yavorivsky said: "I will not put the finger on specific facts today but I must say that the impression is depressing, depressing because the officials were absolutely incompetent, absolutely irresponsible."

Scientists in the republic are still unclear as to the true numbers of the disaster's victims, partly because of the diagnostic procedures adopted by the Soviet authorities after the accident.

Quoting from a document issued one month after the explosion, Mr Yavorivsky said: "In mid-May there was another instruction to the then Ukrainian health minister, Anatoly Romanenko, ordering that cases where radiation sickness was not officially registered should be diagnosed as heart disease. Thousands of people who are not with us any more passed away with this diagnosis.

"The minister did not even think of what was happening. He is still quite cheerfully arrogant when he comes to our committee."

Mr Yavorivsky, who claims that he was approached by Leonid Kravchuk, president of the republic, and asked to temporarily withhold names of those responsible for the accident, argued that the disaster would not have happened if the Ukraine had been independent.

He told parliament: "The disaster, in my opinion, would not have happened if the Ukraine had been a sovereign nation. Had our own government and our own parliament controlled what was happening there I am convinced that this disaster would not have happened."

Holding up disturbing pictures painted by evacuee children, many of whom lived in the towns of Pripyat and Chernobyl within the 19-mile exclusion zone, Mr Yavorivsky said: "See what they paint. A woman embodying death taking children by the hand and leading them through Pripyat.

"Look how they see Chernobyl. The best painter would not have the imagination to draw these. Here is a black paw scraping houses off the ground. These are our children's paintings; this is how they see their future. I am showing you this because today, facing the fifth year of Chernobyl, we should have the courage to say things that we have not said before."

Elsewhere in Kiev, people involved with the accident and those affected by it began giving three days of testimony about their experiences while a 24-hour "telemarathon" for charity was broadcast on television.

Greenpeace members mark Chernobyl, projecting a death symbol at a Czech nuclear plant in Bohunice

Cricket breaks Soweto barriers

From GAVIN BELL IN SOWETO

ON A rare patch of green field amid the dusty streets and matchbox houses of Soweto, the noise of protest and factional fighting has given way to the more reassuring thwack of leather on willow.

Until recently, the sight of township urchins joyously outplaying white public schoolboys at cricket would have been regarded as improbable on the one side, and sacrilege on the other. It is now a regular occurrence, thanks to an innovative project by Ali Bacher, of the South African Cricket Union, with help from British taxpayers and a Worcester supplier of cricket equipment.

Five years after tentative efforts were made to introduce cricket to black communities, Soweto has more than 3,000 players competing in multi-racial school leagues. Their ultimate aspiration to play against England and the West Indies received an important boost this week with the amalgamation of the mainly white cricket union and the Coloured and Indian cricket board, presaging South Africa's return to international competition.

At the same time, Sir Robin Renwick, the British ambassador, contributed bats worth £5,000 to the township project. A further £20,000 is pledged to secure equipment from the Worcester supplier. Imtiaz Patel, the director of the scheme, says: "The kids took to the game in a way we never imagined. There is so much enthusiasm and talent, we can't cope. We still need a lot of help, but this gift from Britain will go a long way to meeting our immediate needs."

Local sponsorship has provided Soweto with its first cricket field. Manicured turf being expensive to maintain, the youngsters make do with concrete pitches covered with carpet, but their skills at the practice nets are startling.

De Klerk reassurance, and photograph, page 21

Lurid tales from the sober grey lady make critics see red

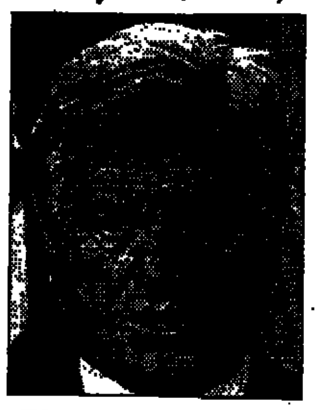
From CHARLES BREMNER IN NEW YORK

WHEN foreign governments want to know what matters are weighing on the minds of the US establishment, they have always turned to *The New York Times*, the sober "grey lady" which has been recording America's first draft of history for the past 140 years. In a tone in keeping with its Gothic masthead, it likes to report with infinite balance on "questions being raised" and "debates" emerging.

But over the past month, the paper has suddenly leapt into competition with the most sensational tabloid press, reporting sex and innuendo on its front page, prompting anguish among professors of journalism, mutiny among some of its own staff and suggestions that the editors had taken leave of their senses.

First it splashed on its front page a replay of all the most salacious allegations about Nancy Reagan made by Kitty Kelley, the unauthorised biographer whose veracity has been widely challenged. Then last week, the paper broke its own rules and named the woman who claims she was raped by William Kennedy Smith at the Kennedy mansion in Palm Beach, complete with a profile laden with anonymous anecdotes and the account of a barman who tried to seduce her. To the outrage of its critics, it appeared that *The New York Times* was resorting to the old argument that the woman had asked for it.

Putting aside the gravity of the rape case, the result has made for a comic reversal of roles among New York's warring press and unleashed an entertaining exercise in humbug across the US media. "These are wild and wacky times for that zany *New York Times*," the tabloid *New York Post* said on Monday in a gleeful commentary castigating its upmarket rival for its lurch into sensation. "The *Post* likes to run fast and loose and fun with a gossipy story," it said. "Still there are rules ... That is why, when the copy of the *Times* with the woman's name hit our newsdesk, one *Post* reporter ran through the newsroom screaming, 'Dammit. There goes our reputation'."



Edward Kennedy: subject of press sex allegations

The *Post*, it is worth recalling, was the newspaper which reported the alleged trouserless escapades of Senator Edward Kennedy under the banner headline "Teddy's Sexy Romp". Then the *Post* followed other media in contrasting *The New York Times*' behaviour with its delicate treatment of the Central Park Jogger, the banker who was raped by a gang of youths in 1989.

A *Chicago Tribune* commentary said the *NYT* was suffering "an outbreak of galloping journalistic idiocy" and the editor of the *National Enquirer*, a muckraking weekly in the brashest Grub Street tradition, had the pleasure of citing his superior ethics in the Kennedy case because he had not named the victim.

The *NYT* even came in for condescension from the presenters of *Current Affair*, a daily "tabloid" television programme that drew a huge audience on Wednesday with the highest jinks so far to emerge from the Kennedy case.

Its reporter, Steve Dunleavy, an Australian with strong tabloid credentials, confronted Jennifer Cassone, the "other woman" at the Kennedy mansion, with pornographic pictures of herself. In scenes replayed on other networks, she then set on Mr Dunleavy, kicking, punching and biting.

Miss Cassone, who worked at the bar of the Palm Beach night club frequented by the Kennedys, has enjoyed three weeks of notoriety, charging 1,000 dollars per television appearance.

The *NYT* was attacked by an array of public entities, from Mayor David Dinkins to the National Organisation of Women and even by Senator Kennedy himself. But the newspaper has stuck to its argument that it was justified in naming the alleged victim because her name had already been mentioned by NBC News. NBC said it used it because it had been printed by the *Globe*, a Florida-based sensation paper mainly sold in supermarkets. The *Globe* in turn blamed the British *Sunday Mirror* for being the first to sin.

Under fire from readers, staff members, one of its own columnists and just about everyone else, Max Frankel, the executive editor, yesterday offered something of an apology. An editorial note said the newspaper regretted any implication that it was challenging the woman's account. "The article should have explicitly asserted that nothing in the woman's known background could resolve the disputed testimony about her encounter with Mr Smith."

Leading article, page 9

هكذا عن الأصل

Roses and yoghurt welcome marines as Iraqis leave town

Christopher Walker reports from Zakho on the joy of the Kurdish townspeople as at last they begin to feel safe from the attentions of the Iraqi security police while British troops patrol the streets

SPORTING a bizarre combination of automatic rifles, machineguns and roses from overjoyed Kurds, British Royal Marine commandos yesterday began patrolling the dusty streets of Zakho in a show of strength designed to attract hundreds of thousands of refugees down from the snow-capped mountains.

Showered with gifts of yoghurt and tea from the terrorised residents, the marines made it clear that no armed Iraqis, beyond the 50 police with side-arms permitted under an allied-Iraqi agremeent, would be tolerated in the town after the deadline to leave expires at 6.00 am today.

The marines were inundated with information about alleged Iraqi secret policemen who had donned plain-clothes in order to stay on. This will have to be sifted by intelligence officers in an operation as complex as that the marines recently left in the rolling hills of south Armagh.

"If the Iraqis are not on the list of police identified and permitted to carry arms, they will be asked to hand over their weapons," explained Lt Col Graham Kerr, deputy commander of the Third Commando Brigade. "It will be an instruction that they will be unable to refuse."

In a climb-down symptomatic of Baghdad's new attempts to avoid confrontation, most of the uniformed and armed "police" had left by breakfast time yesterday, almost 24 hours before the expiry of the ultimatum issued at the United Nations.

Kurdish residents, although welcoming the marines — some burst into tears when they saw them patrolling in impressive style down Ibrahim Kalil street, still littered with bullets from clashes between guerrillas and the Iraqis — were angered at the last-minute agreement to let the 50 Iraqi police remain.

"The refugees in the mountains will not be happy to come down until all the Iraqis have gone. Why allow them to leave so many behind?" asked Mr Ali Sulevani, a Kurdish history teacher. "We would like the British to stay on our streets forever. Today is the first day that I have felt safe." As he spoke, groups of Kurds moved out into the sunshine from the houses where they had remained in fear of the Iraqi police, who had dominated the near-empty town for five tense days.

The marines soon began to relax and respond to the infectious enthusiasm of the Kurds. Many American journalists praised their professionalism, in comparison with the more nervous US marines, who have rarely ventured out in Iraq on foot. "You soon realise that the people are a lot friendlier than in Northern Ireland," explained Ian Doyle, aged 24 from Liverpool, as his seven-man patrol made its way past the Kurdish-owned Baghdad Hotel, ransacked by the departed Iraqi police who had used it as a squalid billet.

It was clear that the departure of the secret police has been hasty. Many had left bedding, clothing and half-eaten meals behind. "The ultimatum showed that the allies meant business, it was vital," said one marine, who agreed that Americans on the ground have been reluctant to become too involved. "Patrolling the streets was too political for the Yanks; that is why they gave it to us to do," said a marine.

Zakho was teeming with rumours of revenge attacks against Iraqis by Kurds and more violence is expected as the *peshmerga* attempt to come down from the mountains to deal rough justice to Iraqi agents they suspect. "We have seen many. We are Aryans, we are light-skinned and the Iraqis are black, they are Arabs. That is why it is easy for us to spot them," said Mr Sulevani, the history teacher. "We also look under their arms because that is where they now keep their guns."

In explanation of the deep suspicion felt by the Kurds, Mr Sulevani showed me houses in Ibrahim Khalil street, which had been looted by the Iraqi police. Women described how everything of value had been seized and the wanton damage was visible everywhere, reminiscent of the wreckage Iraqi soldiers left when they fled Kuwait City.

The wrecked interiors of once proud homes left empty and locked by Kurds when they fled was testimony to the distrust voiced everywhere in Zakho about the provisional agreement on Kurdish autonomy reached in Baghdad by Mr Jalal Talabani.

"We want autonomy of course," said Mr Sulevani, "but we want it under British and American supervison. Who else will protect us from the Iraqi killers?"

Arrival of US aid plane in Iran raises hopes of thaw

By MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON
AND MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

AN AMERICAN air force C141 transport plane will today become the first US government aircraft to land openly in Iran since the Shah was toppled in 1979 and Islamic fundamentalists seized more than 50 hostages from Washington's embassy in Tehran.

The plane, the first of several, will deliver 145,000lb of blankets for Kurdish refugees on the Iranian-Iraqi border, but it also carries the hopes of an end to the long-standing enmity between America and Iran. "This is very significant," said Jim Phillips, a Middle East analyst at the right-wing Heritage Foundation. "For them to permit American overflights is a symbolic step."

President Bush publicly insists normal relations must await Iran's help in securing the release of Western hostages in Lebanon and its renunciation of international terrorism, but there is little doubt that, for whatever reasons, the two countries are moving gradually closer.

Iran's interest is in American and Western aid to rebuild its economy and that, in the eyes of President Rafsanjani and fellow moderates, takes precedence over exporting the Islamic revolution. Its conspicuous restraint during the Gulf war won warm praise from James Baker, the American Secretary of State, and recognition that Iran had a role to play in future Gulf security arrangments.

Iran refrained from declaring the conflict a holy war and siding with Iraq. It impounded Iraqi warplanes. It is believed to have reined in those terrorists over which it has influence, and for good measure, it recently released Roger Cooper, the British businessman.

America's interest is in the return of the hostages. In his inaugural speech in January 1989 Mr Bush, in a clear signal to Iran, observed that "goodwill begets goodwill". In July that year, the US offered compensation for each of the 290 victims of an Iranian airliner accidentally shot down by an American navy ship in the Gulf.

That November Mr Bush authorised the return of $567 million in frozen Iranian assets and spoke of his desire to clear "this underbrush". Last year Washington sent a small amount of aid to help victims of the Iranian earthquake.

Communications between Washington and Tehran via Swiss intermediaries have been increasing and there have been reports, denied by the administration, of direct contacts. Whether today's airlift heralds a greater rapprochement remains to be seen and experts are divided. Mr Phillips predicted it would bolster Iran's moderates in their continuing struggle with the radicals. "It presents President Rafsanjani with the opportunity to mould public opinion about how the Great Satan is not so evil any more."

Saudis offer refuge

Nicosia — King Fahd of Saudi Arabia yesterday relieved Washington and the United Nations of a big problem by offering to take in 50,000 Iraqi refugees and prisoners of war, too terrified of Saddam Hussein to return home (Michael Theodoulou writes).

The kingdom said it would spend $30 million (£18 million) on expanding an existing camp in Rafha on its northern border with Iraq. Within two weeks, it will be ready to take 8,000 refugees, the Saudi Press Agency said.

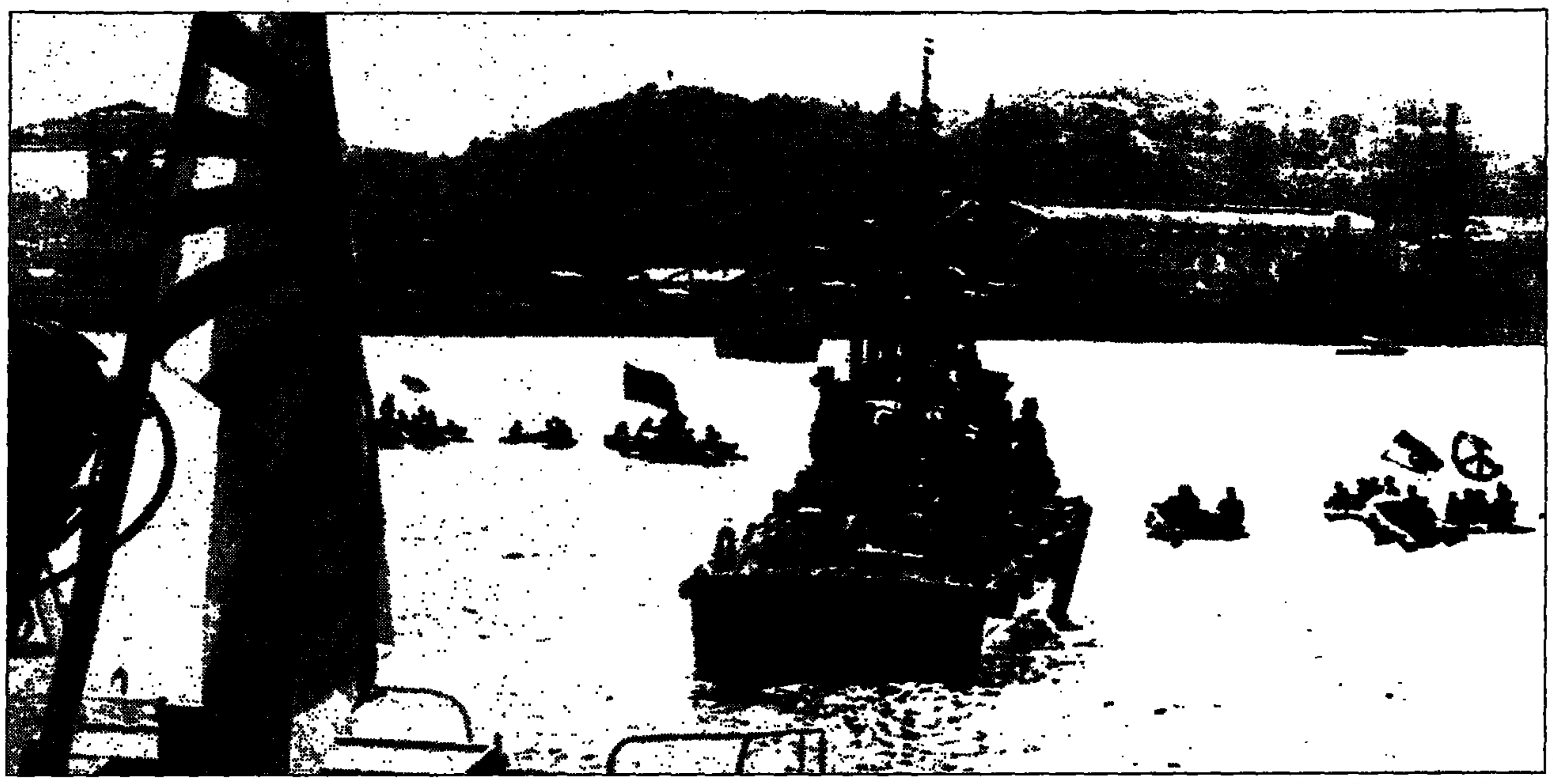
US Air Force planes will start tomorrow to ferry them to Saudi Arabia at the rate of 300 to 400 a day from an American-run army camp near the southern Iraqi town of Safwan. Thirty thousand civilians, Shia rebels and Iraqi army deserters who fled to a zone in southern Iraq occupied by American troops form the majority of those seeking refuge.

Restoring lines

Nicosia — President Saddam Hussein has appointed Lieutenant-General Hussein Kamel Hassan, his son-in-law and defence minister, to restore Iraq's telephone services, destroyed in the Gulf war, the Iraqi News Agency said. Telephone and telex lines have been cut since the day the war started. *(Reuter)*

Facing a ban

ABU DHABI - Saudi Arabia has banned entry to Gulf women whose faces are covered with traditional Muslim veils in their passport photographs, the United Arab Emirates news agency WAM reported. It said that the photographs must show uncovered faces. *(AFP)*



Sea-dogged: a patrol boat dispersing demonstrators in rubber dinghies, who were protesting against Japan's deployment of minesweepers to the Gulf from Yokosuka naval base yesterday. It was the navy's first foreign mission since the second world war and demonstrators nationally said the move was a violation of the constitution

Middle East peace shuttle leaves Baker optimistic

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM

JAMES Baker, the American Secretary of State, raised hopes of a possible breakthrough in his six-week peace initiative in the Middle East yesterday when he reported to President Bush that he had made progress and there was room for optimism.

However, Mr Baker was forced to cut short his final round of talks in Jerusalem yesterday when news reached him of his mother's death in Houston, Texas.

However, in a telephone conversation with President Bush, he did convey the impression that he was not returning home to Washington empty-handed. "He (Mr Baker) has made progress. I have just talked to him," said Mr Bush, during a tree-planting ceremony at the White House yesterday.

It was not clear what progress Mr Baker made yesterday, but he has gained some minor concessions from the Israeli side, and has also won a promise of Moscow's full participation as a co-sponsor in regional peace talks.

Although the Arab states neighbouring Israel have shown little flexibility, none has ruled out its participation in the forum. The Soviet role in particular may prove decisive, and the Soviet foreign minister, Aleksandr Bessmertnykh, is due to tour the Middle East next month. Moscow may also be in a position to persuade Syria to offer more concessions.

Mr Baker will report to President Bush in detail on the outcome of this, his third round of shuttle diplomacy since the end of the Gulf war.

"There are still some things we have to reach agreement on, and we will be continuing (the process)," the secretary of state said after meeting the Israeli foreign minister, David Levy, and clinching five agreements with the Israeli side on the proposed structure of a peace conference.

The main achievement was Mr Baker's success in persuading Israel to lift its objections to EC participation in the talks. He also won Israel's approval for Soviet participation, on condition that the Kremlin agrees to restore full diplomatic relations with the Jewish state.

In return, Israel has received US assurances that the proposed regional conference would have no binding powers to reach or enforce decisions.

However, these areas of agreement appear to be eclipsed by the very real obstacles still left to tackle, in particular Israel's refusal to allow a UN role in the conference, and its disagreement over who should represent Palestinian interests at the negotiating table.

Mr Baker's modest successes nonetheless drew condemnation from members of the right-wing Israeli coalition government, who fear that Mr Shamir, in spite of his right-wing ideology may be drawn into giving away some of the Arab lands occupied by Israel after the 1967 six-day war.

In particular, Mr Arens was reported yesterday to have objected to the proposed peace talks lasting longer than one opening session, and apparently voiced concern that Israel could be led into a full international conference which could impose unacceptable conditions.

The deputy minister of science, Geula Cohen, who belongs to the extremist Tehiya party, a junior member of the coalition, warned Mr Shamir that he risked making the same mistake by accepting to negotiate as the Jews who died in the holocaust had made. "It's not a shower, it's a trap," she said, comparing the peace conference with the German gas chambers.

Baker during his visit to Jerusalem yesterday

Kurd rebel leader says deal yet to be reached

By ADAM KELLIHER IN BAGHDAD AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

KEY obstacles still stand in the way of an agreement on Kurdish autonomy, Jalal Talabani, the rebel leader who had led a Kurdish delegation to talks with President Saddam Hussein, said yesterday. "There has been no agreement yet, only the start of negotiations," he said in the north Iraqi city of Shaqlawa.

His statement was dismissed in Baghdad, where some Iraqis preferred to hold him to his earlier declaration this week that there was an agreement in principle.

Mr Talabani, the leader of the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan, who was negotiating on behalf of eight groups to which his party belongs, said the Kurds and the government will meet again next week. "The real negotiations will begin then, when we start discussing each side's concepts of autonomy," he said.

While Baghdad had indicated readiness to meet Kurdish demands for "autonomy and a democratic society", Mr Talabani said the obstacles involved the size of the territory that would be autonomous, the extent of self-rule and the region's relations with the rest of the world. Disputes over territory and the extent of independence undermined the 1970 autonomy agreement.

Iraqis who, asked not to be identified said that until now there had been no official Iraqi declaration on the talks, except for a statement that Saddam had met the Kurdish delegation this week. Baghdad left it to Mr Talabani to make the statement on Wednesday that the talks had yielded an agreement in principle and details would be hammered out in discussions next week.

A leader of Shia Muslim rebels in southern Iraq said Saddam could not be trusted, but he agreed that talks should be pursued. Yesterday, Talabani admitted that the Kurds still have reservations about trusting Saddam due to the failure of earlier agreements.

He said their decision to talk to Saddam was prompted partly by a lack of international support for their cause. "We are alone," he said. "We have no friends."

(Adam Kelliher's report was subject to Iraqi censorship.)

BRADFORD & BINGLEY'S INVESTMENT RATES FROM 25TH APRIL 1991.

Scheme	Gross % P.A.	Net Equiv. % P.A.
Ordinary Account	6.00	4.50
Deposit Account	5.33	4.00
Flexible Savings Account (including full bonus)	7.33	5.50
TIMESAVER Account (£1 - £249)	6.00	4.50
(£250 - £999)	7.33	5.50
(£1,000 plus)	8.67	6.50
S.A.Y.E. (7 year equivalent return)	11.49**	8.62
MAXIMISER Bonus Account		
£1,000 - £9,999 (including full bonus)	11.00	8.25
£10,000 plus (including full bonus)	12.00	9.00
MAXIMISER Option 1	10.75	8.06
(Income)	10.25	7.69
MAXIMISER Option 3	11.45	8.59
(Income)	10.90	8.18
MAXIMISER Option 6	12.50	9.38
(Income)	11.85	8.89
MAXIMISER Tax Plan Account	11.45	8.59
MAXIMISER High-Return TESSA†	14.00	–
MAXIMISER Optimum TESSA†	13.00	–
MAXIMISER Classic TESSA†	11.00	–

Interest rates are variable. **Gross equivalent rate. (Includes 1% gross p.a. bonus. Net equivalents assume the current basic rate of income tax of 25%. Interest will be payable net of the basic rate of income tax (which may be reclaimed by non-taxpayers) or subject to the required registration, gross. The actual net amount receivable by an investor who has not registered for gross interest will depend upon the basic rate of income tax in force at the time interest is credited.

BRADFORD
& BINGLEY
BUILDING SOCIETY

HEAD OFFICE. PO BOX 2. BINGLEY, WEST YORKSHIRE. BD16 2LW. REGULATED IN THE CONDUCT OF INVESTMENT BUSINESS BY SIB

Another quiet day at the border and a baby dies

FROM TIM DEAGLE IN PIRANSHAHR

TWO little boys sat on the ground outside the tent at Piranshahr border crossing, Iran, crying uncontrollably. A strong wind whipped down off the mountains pulling at the guy-ropes and enveloping the small crowd in clouds of dust as they listened to the desperate cries and sobs of the woman inside.

An Iranian conscript tried to put his arm around the youngest boy's shoulders to comfort him, but the child recoiled from the man with the gun in obvious fear. The mother finally emerged from the tent, her body shaking violently, her face streaked with tears, her eyes wide clutching a small bundle of cloth to her chest.

The woman, by now mad with grief, her eyes blackened by her own fists, sat in the grass and watched her husband dig a grave for the bundle which contained her dead child. Her two sons sat next to her and wept. The eldest daughter held the tiny body close to her, sobbing. A French doctor put his arms round her, to comfort her.

Finally the small grave was ready and the father gently lifted the body from his daughter's reluctant arms. The material covering the body fell away and the child's head and arms flopped down, its eyes wide open, hanging limp in the man's hands.

As the father began to shovel the dirt on to the body, his distraught wife leapt up, stood at the foot of the grave and began to sing wildly, her skirts and cloak billowing in the strong wind. A small crowd of soldiers and family looked on embarrassed, not sure what to do or say.

The French doctor walked away. "Well, I suppose there's nothing left for me to do, is there?" His tone was bitter.

Thousands of Kurds continue to arrive at the scores of mountainous border crossings into Iran and they continue to die, assailed by the most preventable of diseases. It is as always the very old and the very young who are dying on the border, mainly from dehydration. The toll is said to be running at 2,000 a day.

And with little or none of the foreign aid arriving yet, and cases of amoebic dysentery reaching epidemic levels, the handful of doctors here say there is nothing to prevent the deaths of countless more. "They don't need a thousand tons of bloody flour!" the Kurdish doctor exploded, his anger and frustration filling the hotel restaurant crowded with press and relief workers. "They need sugar and salt solution and antibiotics and they need them today not next week, for God's sake. This is the critical period for these people and if supplies don't arrive very soon, there will be a lot fewer Kurds to save."

Three weeks after the Kurds began pouring out of Iraq, this column of refugees stretches at least 10 kilometres back into a country they are desperate to leave. It is a jumbled mass of stationary trucks, cars, taxis and tractors piled high with blankets, mattresses, furniture: whatever they could fit in and of course thousands upon thousands of dusty, tired, frightened but ever hopeful people.

The border is open, during daylight hours, and the Iranian soldiers are processing about 50 refugees an hour at this border post, but it doesn't even make a small dent in the ever increasing number waiting on the other side of the rusted barbed wire.

One of the two doctors in the Ziveh camp says that typhoid has already arrived and that without drugs he expects an epidemic. "We only have drugs for two more days, after that I don't know. I am not expecting a shipment.

"The Iranians give us some drugs, but they're from the Iran/Iraq war and they are all out of date. So we buy what we can from the bazaar, but we haven't got much money left." Between them, the doctors are treating up to 700 patients every day.

As we walked to our car and away from the sad little family clustered around the tiny grave at Piranshar, the French doctor grabbed my arm. "You have to realise, today it's very quiet," he said with urgency. "Usually it's much worse. Yes, it's been a very quiet day."

Ignore the experts: ask the girl at the check-out

Surveys and statistics cannot tell us when the economy will recover, says **Anatole Kaletsky**. It's up to the shopper

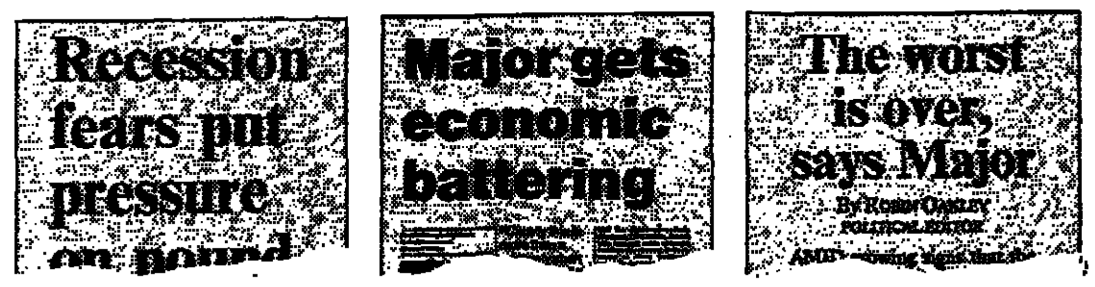
Economists may soon usurp the position of used-car salesmen in the rogues' gallery of public mistrust. Contradictory accounts come almost daily about the chances of an economic recovery, the prospects for interest rates, the behaviour of the pound and the state of business in the factories and the high street.

In the papers, industrial reports shriek of new records for bankruptcies and job losses, while the financial pages chortle about the stockmarket's new highs. The chancellor and his Treasury knights keep offering irrefutable statistical proof that the recession is almost over; then a staunchly Tory business organisation announces another survey showing conclusively that the worst of the recession is still to come.

What is it about economists and businessmen that makes them incapable of agreeing on anything or giving a straight answer? And what should the public make of the confusion about the economy's performance and prospects?

The second question is obviously the more important and will become ever more urgent. But to guess where the economy may really be going, it helps to understand why guidance from the experts will continue to be unreliable in the months ahead. There are three broad reasons.

First, statistics are inaccurate and subject to large revisions. The statisticians are the most easily blamed, but unjustly. If the official statistics underestimated inflationary pressures in 1987 and 1988, for example, and then exaggerated inflation last year, it was not because of miscalculations or faulty sampling in the retail prices index; it was because the RPI has a misleading bias, using interest rates, instead of house prices, to measure housing inflation.


Recession fears put pressure on pound

Major gets economic battering

The worst is over, says Major

By Robin Oakley
Political Editor

Yesterday's conflicting headlines: from the *Financial Times*, *The Guardian* and *The Times*

It is in the interpretation of statistics that the real trouble arises. Political bias and personal self-interest are obvious corrupters of economic judgment, particularly at a time like this. However foul the statistics, the chancellor is likely to sprinkle them with rosewater: "if it's not hurting, it's not working" was a fine slogan, but it does not have a pre-election ring.

Businessmen are notoriously inclined to optimism about their own companies' prospects, since anything else sounds like an admission of incompetence. But when they are asked to assess general economic conditions, they are pulled in several directions. They want to encourage optimism among their customers and help the Conservatives, but they also want lower interest rates and cautious unions. These biases probably neutralise one another in the raw statistics, but when it comes to interpretation, the clashing motives can become all too obvious, as shown by the abrupt shifts of mood recently in the Institute of Directors and CBI.

The judgments of the financial markets are less personal, but more volatile and obscure. Suffice it to say that share prices suffered their biggest fall for 50 years in October 1987, just before the greatest economic boom in a generation. They began to recover steadily as business slowed, interest rates rose and inflation worsened, hitting a peak last summer, just before the economy collapsed. Financial markets appear to be influenced largely by long-term expectations and an indefinable spirit of the times. This leads to the last and most important explanation of the present economic uncertainty.

Consumer confidence — quite simply, people's willingness to spend money — is by far the most important factor in any economic recovery. Unfortunately, consumer behaviour has never been more difficult to predict than it is today. Debt levels are unprecedentedly high. House prices, which have a far greater impact than the stockmarket on consumer confidence, are still in the doldrums. Most important, the signs are legion that the nation no longer feels financially reckless and ostentatious.

The recession will obviously end at some time, but when depends upon psychology, not economics: simply, when will consumers and housebuyers start spending? For all their computer models, this is a question the economists cannot answer. The average *Times* reader, after a moment's introspection, may have a better idea. So when will the recession end? The old huckster's cliché is literally true: You pays your money and you takes your choice.

Clifford Longley

Flight from the mosque

At the height of the Rushdie affair, and later as the Gulf war reached its climax, there was some apprehension in Britain about the size and strength of the British Muslim population. If they could be roused and organised, it was feared, a million or more angry Muslims would be a threat to domestic peace.

Virtually nothing happened, and not only because Saudi Arabia pulled hard on all its strings to the Muslim community here. Closer inspection suggests there never was such a threat; the Muslims are too disorganised and too divided. British society is causing far more trouble for Muslims in Britain than they could ever cause in return.

The Muslim "community" consists of many mutually antagonistic communities, with virtually no real leaders and no sense of common purpose. This is the conclusion of a piercingly frank study that has just been published by a Leicester imam, Mohammad Shahid Raza, who is director of the Islamic Centre there. They are losing their next generation. They are losing their women. And nowhere does Mohammad Raza seem to see the slightest evidence of recovery — unless the existence of such an honest and critical survey is itself such a sign.

"Disunity is suicidal to the survival of Muslims in Western societies," he writes, having just outlined the many deep splits that divide British Muslims from one another. Pakistani and Indian Muslims, as well as dividing religiously (and bitterly) between the *Barelvis*, the *Deobandis* and various smaller sects, are also divided by survivals of the Indian caste system, the *zat*, and by dynastic and neighbourhood loyalties, the *biraderi*. Much energy is absorbed by these rivalries. As Mohammad Raza writes in *Islam in Britain* (Volcano Press, Leicester), "the veneer of Islamic culture is spread thin".

Leadership of these communities is variously distributed between what Mohammad Raza dismissively calls the "petrodollar" leaders (who "act as agents of sponsor countries to create an Islamic image of their sponsors"), the "professional" leaders (doctors and others who like to boost their egos by being prominently in the public eye) and "traditional" religious leaders from the subcontinent: "In his own country [the imam] was a nobody and now is somebody."

Saudi Arabia, the leading petrodollar power in the Muslim world, has helped to fund about 800 of the 1,000 mosques in Britain, distributing as much as £50 million. In the Gulf war, says Mohammad Raza, they were told to damp down protests on behalf of Iraq and were given tracts supporting the Saudi view to hand out to their congregations.

In Mohammad Raza's view, "the leadership of the Muslim community has failed," and the mosques they control "have been turned into medieval sectarian fortresses". Meanwhile Muslim children are being educated in secular British schools with English as their first language and British culture in place of their own. British education emphasises independence of thought, and young Muslims are not impressed by the empty repetition of Islamic rituals and pieties by uneducated imams.

Low self-esteem and the loosest of bonds to their parents' culture makes pressure to conform to Western ways almost irresistible. In surveys in 1989 and 1990, the Muslim Community Studies Institute of Leicester found that young women were torn between the values of Muslim culture and British values such as a woman's right to education, to a career, to choose her own husband and to determine her own life.

The imams do nothing to counteract the belief of many Muslim men that their assumption of superiority over women is endorsed by the Koran. "The concept of *izzat* [honour], the male domination and female submission syndrome, the female sexual distrust syndrome, the female as property — all are so deep rooted in the Muslim's patriarchal culture."

This picture of intense internal stress right across the Muslim population in Britain can only be changed if the best of the new generation of British-educated Muslims take over the leadership of their communities. But instead, many of them are drifting away.

A far from merrie England

The Fifties were not such fun as TV's darling buds suggest. **Richard Morrison** finds them rooted in a bleak prudery

Nostalgia is the cream bun of emotions. Indulging in it betrays a lack of moral fibre, is sickly-sweet even at the time, and has no beneficial effect on body or soul. We recreate the past, usually, to escape from our failure to control the present.

Yet that cannot be the whole reason. The most steely-willed among us cannot stop the odd yearning for the good old days. Mrs Thatcher slew political dragons, but gushed about Victorian values. Orpheus vanquished the demons of hell, snatched back his woman, then could not resist looking back — just one peep, to see if the old girl was as he remembered — and lost her forever. If such giants of mythology succumb to nostalgia, what hope for us pygmies?

None whatsoever, judging by the television ratings. Tomorrow evening, about 17 million Britons, most of sound mind, will sit fascinated by a cream bun of lavish proportions: the fourth part of the serialisation of H.E. Bates's *The Darling Buds of May*. It is not the quality of acting or script that holds these viewers, though both are excellent. What lures the millions is the painstaking evocation of a carefree rural community where lovable rogues and benevolent squires, enormous matrons and tarts with hearts all live in benign equilibrium on a summer's day of "perfick wevver" in the Home Counties. Willow strikes leather on the green, plans of Falstaffian cunning are hatched in the pub, and a ceaseless supply of beer and roasts sustains the energies of young lovers who run barefoot in the bluebells.

You recognise the 1950s, of course? The decade of Suez and McCarthy, bleak Samuel Beckett plays and Stockhausen's ghastly electronic music, grey architecture, rationing and tight-lipped prudishness. Probably not. H.E. Bates set his Larkin family stories in that decade, but he was drawing on a far stronger set of associations: an eternal mirage of times past, called Old England.

Where is Old England? It is where we want to live when we leaf through the advertisements in *Country Life*, and spot the ideal thatched Cotswolds cottage that is just a couple of hundred thousand beyond our grasp. It is the place American tourists expect to reach on a coach trip to Stratford-upon-Avon. It is a jumble of half-remembered cultural fragments — Constable landscapes, Vaughan Williams music, Henry Fielding novels and Herrick's poetry — percolated, vulgarised and blended into an unofficial national dream.

The myth of Old England has been peddled for centuries. Bates's inspiration was to graft it onto the particular aura of 1950s' Britain.

That era exerts a peculiar fascination today, even for those too young to be nostalgic about it. In some ways it is utterly remote. Its modes of speech and dress, its expectations of public morality (or, if you like, hypocrisy), its social niceties: these seem closer to the Victorians than to us.

Yet the decade spawned much that shapes our culture even now. The Festival of Britain, the fortieth anniversary of which falls next month, was post-war Britain's first great exercise in cultural paternalism; its repercussions have influenced public arts policy for decades.

Rock music was born in the 1950s, however much the Sixties triumphalists now running radio and television stations like to pretend otherwise. All British comedy lives in the surreal shadow of *The Goons*. Madonna lives, and prospers, in imitative homage to Monroe. The entertainment barons who took control of British commercial television from its outset in the mid-Fifties established conventions of mass entertainment that have never been challenged. And the gruesomely matey ethos of today's package holidays is still rooted in the cheery spirit of a Butlin's holiday camp, circa 1955. The 1950s was truly the decade of revolution for mass culture.

And with this new access to undemanding entertainment came impatience with authority figures and intellectuals. In America, Senator McCarthy roused the blue-collar population to resentment of "twisted-thinking eggheads... born with silver spoons in their mouths". Britain never went down that unfortunate road. Nevertheless, the cocky working-class hero, outwitting his social superiors, entered British culture. Little people began to shout for their rights. In one Ealing comedy after another, downtrodden underlings suddenly uttered bulldog snarls against those accustomed to giving orders.

When austerity ended: visitors to the 1951 Festival of Britain

All that comes into *The Darling Buds of May*. Here is Pop running rings round pompous gentry. Here is a family that lives tremendously well, yet entirely at the level of sensual pleasure. Intellectual pursuits are not regarded as hostile: they are simply not regarded at all. And here is a description of Fifties life that positively drips with sexuality. That is remarkable, because the received wisdom is surely enshrined in Philip Larkin's famous lines:

Sexual intercourse began
In nineteen sixty-three
(Which was rather late for me)
Between the end of the
Chatterley ban
And the Beatles' first LP.

Clearly, Bates's working-class characters did not know they had to wait for the permissive society. But they are no rebels; they remain locked into their social stations like wooden horses on a merry-go-round. They may trick their middle-class neighbours, but the status quo is not threatened. If it were, the myth of Old England would be shattered.

Such a sentimental view can be dismissed as popular culture at its most demeaning. Yet there are parallels in highbrow British writing of the Fifties. A whole group of young authors gave the impression that, although they knew they really ought to rebel, something prevented them from making the leap into the unknown.

The conservatism, or pusillanimity, of English culture, compared with the rebel-rousing output of the continental avant-garde, infuriated radicals. More conservative figures acknowledged the same limitations. "Larkin's narrowness suits the English perfectly," wrote the poet and critic Charles Tomlinson. "They recognise their own abysmal urban landscapes, skilfully caught with just a whiff of English films c.1950. The stepped-down vision of human possibilities (no Renaissance, please), the joke that hesitates just this side of nihilism, are national vices."

Yet between the wartime rhetoric of the Forties and the preposterous bluster of the Sixties, Larkin and Bates found space to chronicle the little tragedies and comedies of ordinary lives.

In his greatest poem, "The Whitsun Weddings", Philip Larkin seems to be stuck in exactly the sort of "stepped-down vision" that Tomlinson described: a train winding its way through drowsy eastern England collecting newlywed couples beginning their honeymoons. But suddenly Larkin offers an astonishing metaphor, the image of the train as a bow unleashing new lives like arrows:

... what it held
Stood ready to be loosed with all
the power
That being changed can give.

In terms of world history, Larkin's arrows will never rank alongside those fired on Saint Crispin's Day; but, like Bates, Larkin articulates a truth as important: that ordinary people have a greatness worth observing. I subscribe to that. So, apparently, do 17 million others.

...and moreover

MATTHEW PARRIS

For seven years after taking my seat in the Commons I was baffled by my failure to be promoted. All around I saw friends of modest ability and uncertain virtue clambering up the ladder held out to them by the chief whip. At first my congratulations were unclouded by jealousy. "Well *done*," one would exclaim to a colleague who was not notably less stupid than oneself. At first I meant it.

But soon a pattern emerged in the promotions. There were three categories: colleagues who got jobs, those who would never get jobs, and those who would shortly be given jobs. This last came to contain (as it seemed to my fevered imagination) only two MPs: Chris Patten and me.

And then there was one. I waited for the call. It never came. Mrs Thatcher would look at me in the tearoom with her head tilted slightly to one side and an expression that said: "There's something not quite right about that boy." What had the whips been telling her?

I have just guessed. It was that A-level Logic result. I failed. MI5 had found out. They must have sent one of their undercover agents to the place of my secondary education, Waterford Kamhlaba School, in Mbabane, Swaziland, to smuggle out my results and copies of my old school reports.

"A word in your ear, old boy," M must have grunted to the chief whip. "This character Parris could be risky. Have you *seen* his school records? Do you realise that he failed Logic? Now if he were ever to achieve any kind of public position, that could be very nasty in the tabloids."

"Enough said," the chief whip will have replied. "I think we understand each other."

I found those reports and certificates yesterday, in an old drawer, with a photograph of me as a rabbit with one floppy ear in the school play in Nicosia at the age of seven. Thank God I'm not PM or that photograph alone would have cost 15 points in the opinion polls. And then there's the A-level result: "Logic: fail." Dynamite!

But far more disturbing are the school reports from Swaziland. I have re-read the lot. It is profoundly depressing to review your faults in cold print, but worse is the realisation that between the ages of 14 and 41 there appears to be no sign at all of character development.

Here I am at 14, as seen by my English teacher: "He should keep a rein on his style, remembering that the ingredients of good and clear writing are not always the same as those of interesting conversation."

"At times a bit disorganised," adds another. "Prone to over-simplification of the facts, he hardly ever supports his statements," says the geography master. "Greater effort required," remarks the Zulu teacher, perceptively.

Bob Roseveare, my housemaster, was and is the soul of gentleness, so you have to use some imagination to see what he means here: "He throws himself into everything. He has a quick, alert mind, and likes expressing his opinion — forcefully. But the realisation that in a small community like ours, those who are to be the leaders can best express that leadership in modest helpfulness, is surely growing. He is learning the importance of sometimes staying out of the limelight, in good humoured recognition of others' efforts."

Mr Roseveare meant that I *ought* to learn these things.

The history teacher, Tony Hatton, was equally clear-sighted. "Later," he advises, "history calls for a good deal of expressing of opinions, but at this stage Matthew should concentrate more on facts. Some exam questions were answered as though he were addressing a public meeting." The soccer report is succinct: "Very little science but a vast amount of energy."

Now let us jump four years, to age 18. "Punctuation very strange" is the lament. "Always interesting, but Matthew must resist the temptation to follow a thesis to the exclusion of other equally valid considerations."

Had I not improved at all? Let Alan Lomberg, the literature teacher, speak: "I'm sure I think only slightly less highly of Matthew's ability than he does; and hope slightly more anxiously than he does for his success in these examinations."

Enthusiastic, tactless, overconfident, careless and attention-seeking. That was Swaziland, when I was 18. And what of London now that I am 41? Does my writing this, for publication, prove Mr Roseveare, Mrs Thatcher and the chief whip sadly right?

THE TIMES

DIARY

Come, listen to the band

Michael Heseltine's system of council tax banding has inaugurated a new genre of social stratification similar to that of London's socially superior 071 telephone numbers vis-à-vis 081. The question "What band are you, darling?" looks set to dominate the dinner tables of the upwardly mobile.

Terence Morris, Professor of Social Institutions at the London School of Economics, foresees a subtle form of one-upmanship by those with a "G" on their tax form, denoting someone with a home worth more than £160,000. While boasting directly about the value of one's house is decidedly vulgar, dropping into the conversation such phrases as "We're all Gs in our road, you know" will, he thinks, soon become acceptable.

"It will be just like the fuss over the London postcodes when they were introduced in the 1920s," says Morris. "It was good to have an SW1 address, but better still to have a W1. No one wanted an SE3. House bands are much better than talking about credit card limits, and estate agents will catch on very quickly. The house banding will soon become the first thing spelt out at the top of their brochures."

Morris says market research companies will also take a close interest in the bandings in order to target social groups more accurately for unsolicited mailshots.

But not all are excited at the new marketing opportunities. John Bowis, Tory MP for Battersea, Wandsworth, where the property business has been riding the recession on the back of the borough's claim to be Britain's only poll tax free zone, says: "Our estate agents preferred the idea of being zero banded. But there will be so little difference in the bands here that we will be able to boast that we are not only a classless society but a bandless one as well."

Striking another dissenting note, Jane Procter, the editor of *Tatler*, says that to own an expensive house today may not be as attractive as it was before the recession. "There was a time in the 1980s when you couldn't go to a dinner party without the conversation being dominated by this sort of thing. But I am not sure banding will catch on in the same way. *Tatler* readers may even prefer a lower band. It will mean they won't have to spend so much money, and in the 1990s that is likely to prove much more important."

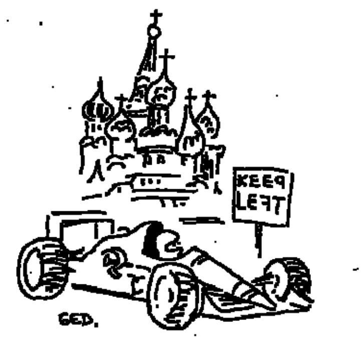
Boning up

Old primates never die; they just sail off into the sunset. Next week Lord Runcie, accompanied by his wife Rosalind, leaves on a study cruise to Rhodes, Corfu and Athens, delivering five lectures en route and answering questions from his 240 fellow passengers. Organised by Swan Hellenic, it is billed as "The Cult of Asclepius, a medical history cruise". Runcie regularly sang for his supper in this way before his elevation to Canterbury in 1980.

The former archbishop thinks his Greek history and mythology may have got a little rusty in the intervening years and has been swotting up with books borrowed from his son James, who works on the BBC's *The Late Show*. "He is worried that the passenger list will contain a brilliant classical scholar who has been saving for 30 years for the cruise and knows more about the subject than he does," says Runcie junior. "He says that a good lecturer can always tell the scholar in his audience poised to ask the lethal question. The crumpled suit gives him away."

Red chequered flag

Politburo members cruising along Moscow's broad boulevards in their Zils should get used to life in the fast lane. Nigel Mansell may be on his way. Next month a group of Scottish businessmen fly in to put what they hope will be the finishing touches to a deal that would take international motor racing to Russia for the first time.



The proposed races, which would start in 1993, are modelled on Monte Carlo and Birmingham. "The roads in Moscow are so wide it would be the safest road race in the world," says Eric Houston, who runs the Knockhill racing circuit near Dunfermline. The circuit would take cars through the centre of Red Square and around the Kremlin at more than 100mph. President Gorbachev would be invited to fire the starting gun — if he has not been fired by then.

Owen's turn

Despite protestations that he could never become a Tory, David Owen has agreed to address a meeting of the Conservative Philosophy Group next month. "As far as I know it is the first time he has ever attended an all-Conservative gathering," says Jonathan Aitken, the MP for Thanet South who founded the discussion group 15 years ago. Aitken expects a high turnout for the meeting, which he will host at his home in Lord North Street, near the Commons.

Among those invited are Mrs Thatcher, Norman Lamont and Enoch Powell. But they should not be too optimistic about converting the former foreign secretary. He has taken as his text a remark of Disraeli's: "Stick to your principles, damn your party."

● *Ireland, alone among EC countries, does not have formal diplomatic relations with Pretoria, so just what was the status of President de Klerk's visit to Dublin this week? Was it official, asked Dick Spring, leader of the Irish Labour Party, or private? Charles Haughey's office thought long and hard before coming up with an answer: "Working".*

Garden of Eden

Hearing that Channel 4's *Dig* would not be broadcast last night, an angry gardener rang the station to protest on behalf of the Royal Horticultural Society. "But we had no choice," said a spokesman. "The programme included considerable numbers of exposed male genitals which rendered it unsuitable for transmission." "What has that got to do with a gardening programme?" asked the caller. Only then did the penny drop. The film that had attracted the attention of the censor was *Dick*, a controversial work deemed too risqué even for Channel 4's banned season.

[illegible] عن الاصل

هكذا عن الأصل

TALE OF THREE CITIES

Londoners are so used to regarding the metropolis as the fountainhead of Britain's life, power and wisdom that to be poked in the ribs by England's two great "second cities", Manchester and Birmingham, must come as a shock. Yet the past month has seen Birmingham launch a sustained cultural challenge to London, and Manchester steal Britain's Olympic bid from under London's nose.

The population of Greater London is slowly declining towards seven million. That of the two conurbations together, at 4.5 million, is of the same order. Birmingham and Manchester have survived the current recession better than the South-East. Both have begun to understand the mix of public and private investment that must go into urban revival, and the role of high-profile projects in boosting confidence.

Manchester's bid for the Olympics, first made four years ago, has been at the centre of a modernisation programme for a city which was deprived of much of its industry by structural recession and which was wrecked in the 1960s and 70s by insensitive planning and housing policies. Its revival was delayed in the 1980s by a left-wing council as perverse as that of Liverpool. But grim experience has shown even Manchester council that no modern city can rebuild itself by public money alone.

Where public money is valuable is in making the city more attractive to new private money. This autumn, Manchester will see trams running on its streets again, the first new ones in half a century. The G-Mex exhibition centre is already a huge "people draw" in a sad part of the city centre. Work starts soon on a new home for the Hallé Orchestra, complementing the Royal Exchange theatre, the Opera and Granada television in a culture industry of some 10,000 jobs. Manchester is at last coming to terms with the potential appeal of its industrial archaeology, with huge restoration projects for the canals and mills.

As the northeast of the US has discovered, the past of such cities can be a key to their future. It is the apparently cosmetic investment, in culture, in conservation, in cleaner streets and brighter buildings, that holds the key to urban self-confidence. Hence the bid for the 1996 Olympic Games last year. Hence the true northern grit shown by Manchester in putting itself forward again, for the 2000 Olympics.

Birmingham has likewise realised that well-directed public investment yields dividends. Bold decisions were taken to protect the old jewellery quarter and demolish the hideous Bull Ring. South London's similar Elephant and Castle remains unloved, and nobody cares enough to urge its removal. Birmingham council's success in enticing the Sadler's Wells ballet north from London, in constructing a magnificent 2,000-seat hall for Simon Rattle's symphony orchestra and in pushing ahead with a £160 million conference centre all show a commitment to the city's prosperity.

In the capital, such prosperity is taken for granted. London assumes its importance will see it through any recession and that its vigorous private sector will supply the needs which public authorities must supply in the provinces. But the rancour that surrounded London's Olympic bid showed that even a great capital can be vulnerable to hubris. The inadequacy of London's local government was glaring throughout the 1980s and is reflected in the city's ugly skyline, dirty streets and degenerating public transport. Sadly, the government appears unwilling to put this topic on the forthcoming local government reform agenda.

Now London has competition. The other great cities of Britain suffered grievously in the 1980s. They face the 1990s with new confidence. Their revival, no accident but born of the mistakes of the postwar era, offers a lesson in public and private co-operation, and a lesson in localism, which central government should heed.

HARD BARGAIN FOR HANOI

America's decision to send Vietnam a million dollars' worth of artificial limbs is a gesture symbolising a decisive change of policy. Since the Vietnam war ended nearly 16 years ago, America has maintained a total aid and trade blockade. Vietnam has been barred from international aid, too, thanks to US influence and voting power in organisations such as the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank. Now, under stiff conditions, Washington is offering to let Vietnam come in from the cold.

President Bush was not easily persuaded. Relations have been thawing, although at a barely perceptible pace, since Vietnam withdrew from Cambodia in 1989. The State Department has long been convinced, and has convinced James Baker, that it is time to end America's vendetta. This view has the support of a growing number of influential Congressmen, not least because they have been appalled by American support, until last year, for Cambodia's Khmer Rouge.

The economic pressures on Mr Bush have also grown. Vietnam's efforts at economic reform over the past two years are genuine, however Hanoi's leaders disguise this switch to the market by dubbing it "socialist accounting". Still more impressive is the speed with which the south has sloughed off the communist carapace imposed in 1975. US businessmen want a piece of the action. At the IMF, France, Germany and Britain have lost patience with the American vetoes. But the decisive factor is the need to restart the stalled peace plan for Cambodia, agreed last year by the five permanent members of the UN Security Council. The US wants Hanoi to win Phnom Penh over.

Earlier this month, American officials presented Hanoi with what they have dubbed "a road map" in four segments, leading to the normalisation of relations. Each has incentives attached to what the Vietnamese will see as unfair conditions. The easiest condition, which Hanoi has already begun to meet, is to speed up co-operation on tracing Americans listed as missing in action. But Washington has made full normalisation of relations dependent not only on Phnom Penh's signature of a peace treaty, but on a Cambodian ceasefire and disarmament of all sides, and the successful conclusion of the UN-supervised transition to free elections. Any hitch, even if the Khmer Rouge and not Hanoi are responsible, and the deal might be off.

Vietnam is no longer getting Soviet subsidies of some $1.5 billion a year and is desperate for the lifting of the embargo. But Hanoi complains, with some reason, about the price. It supports the Phnom Penh government's objection to the disarmament provisions in the UN plan and can produce plenty of evidence that the Khmer Rouge intend to cheat, hiding weapons and even troops in the jungle.

Both governments also object to participation in free elections by the Khmer Rouge, who they say should be punished as genocidal criminals rather than rewarded. The West responds that this is the price of China's assent to the plan. But if the Americans are serious about peace with Vietnam and in Cambodia, they should apply at least as much pressure on China to stop arming the Khmer Rouge, and on Thailand to block illicit shipments, as they are putting on the Indochinese. There is little logic in punishing Vietnam for behaving towards Cambodia as its brother's keeper and then making a deal hang on Vietnam's willingness to wring concessions from it. With almost all Vietnamese troops out of Cambodia, there is no good reason for the embargo. Washington should lift it at once.

ALAS, NOT SO POOR NANCY

Actors and actresses are ill-advised to sue even their worst reviewers, as Nancy Reagan is no doubt trying to persuade herself. Her performance on the White House stage has been thoroughly junked by the first lady of vitriol, Kitty Kelley, who has made her own the American art-form of muck-raking. Such is the price of fame. America's libel laws are as lax as Britain's are stringent, which is why Ms Kelley has, as yet, no British equivalent.

Mrs Reagan's misfortune (or comeuppance) notwithstanding, there is merit in the American way of libel, and not only because it is more fun. The Kelley demolition charge exploded a few sacred myths, but mostly in the minds of respectable middle-Americans outside the Washington gossip circuit. In the course of her telling-it-like-it-was exposé of the Reagan ménage at the White House, Ms Kelley was unable to conceal Nancy's beneficial role in propping up her ailing husband's presidency. She it was, for instance, who first suggested the Soviet Union might respond better to wooing than battering; wooed it was. Had this been a tribute by a friend, nobody would give it much attention. In the mouth of an enemy, who can doubt it?

Those who depend on public approval for their success, actors and politicians especially, cannot complain when the hand they fed from strips them naked. A celebrity's image-makers may invite the public to witness intimate scenes of domestic bliss as being good for votes or audiences or whatever the currency may be. Once that invitation is issued and accepted, the public will unavoidably think itself admitted to an open house. Asked to admire a happy marriage, the public may later like to examine the affair which wrecked it.

Mrs Reagan was known, if not always admired, for her dress-sense. Now Kitty Kelley tells how the president's wife fed her habit by the single-minded pursuit of expensive hand-outs from top designers, and never mind the "silly little laws" (as Nancy put it) on the taxation of gifts worth millions of dollars. Fair enough. And to parade the "wonderful marriage" of Nancy and Ronald, chasing the "family" vote, was to challenge the scandal-mongers to do their worst. Ms Kelley accepted.

The American ground rules of public life are that almost anything goes, on the heat-in-the-kitchen principle. There was not much public sympathy in America for Gary Hart, who lost his shot at the presidency when private pursuits became public. In Britain, the protection that libel laws give to public figures leads foreigners to view it as a sometimes hypocritical society.

Public lives are deemed blameless and the blamelessness is given a cash value. Damage the good name of a "name", and there may be damages to pay; and never mind that the value of the reputation in question is little more than a legal fiction. Once all the real or imaginary peccadilloes of politicians are out in the open the pretence is over. Public life would be more honest were politicians accepted for the sinners most of them are, and appreciated only for their skills as representatives and governors.

Ms Kelley's book may be "all lies", as the Reagans are saying, but in its "believe it or not" way it has served a greater truth. Meanwhile America holds its breath for the next exposé — the private life of Kitty Kelley, written by a rival.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

1 Pennington Street, London E1 9XN Telephone 071-782 5000

London's absent voice and hope

From Sir Michael Pike

Sir, As a denizen of Greenwich and a born and bred Londoner — lately returned from Singapore — I was again uplifted by the good spirits and courage of the 1991 London Marathon. This is now the only occasion in the year when the people of London are given the opportunity to express their feelings as Londoners and not merely as the woebegone inhabitants of the London boroughs, especially those guardians of dereliction which line the south bank of the Thames.

We are all the better for it. So, happily, are a thousand charities. All the greater pity that the secretary of state for the environment has failed to seize his chance to raise Londoners' spirits, not just on Marathon Sunday but all the year round. Mr Heseltine announced yesterday that a commission is to be established to make recommendations on the structure of local government (report, April 24). But London is to be excluded. Why?

Our once beautiful city daily descends into new depths of squalor; we are being asphyxiated, and our freedom of movement strangled, by ever-increasing and apparently uncontrollable numbers of motor cars; our public transport "system" limps along in the wake of those in the great cities of continental Europe (not to mention Singapore, whose mass rapid transport system puts every Londoner to shame).

When will Mr Heseltine speak for London? When will a new body be set up to release us from the failed transport engineers of the Department of Transport? When will serious London-wide planning be revived? When will such a body be made responsible for implementing the long-delayed inevitable: comprehensive road pricing? When will there be a body which will speak up for London as a venue for the Olympics?

I do not seek a GLC reborn. But I do seek a new voice and a new hope for all Londoners. How long must we wait?

Yours sincerely,
MICHAEL PIKE,
5 Crooms Hill, SE10.
April 24.

From the Chief Executive of the Royal Albert Hall

Sir, The minister for the arts has asked the Arts Council to apply radical surgery to its present overheads (report, April 25). I hope for the sake of all and sundry that this will not mean a cutback in services — particularly in London.

The capital now sorely needs a central-coordinating, policy-making, fund-distributing, marketing and promotion-conscious body that is free from party political pressure.

Distributing central government funds more evenly to the regions is to be applauded. I suggest, however, that in so doing to ignore the needs of the capital is dangerous to the whole nation's arts legacy.

Let us in the capital form, in the first instance, a forum within which London's profile as a major world player in the arts scene can be promoted and underpinned, combined with the formation of a centralised body with a wide brief to build the sort of civic/regional pride that our competitor cities elsewhere in the country have so successfully launched.

Yours faithfully,
PATRICK DEUCHAR,
Chief Executive,
Royal Albert Hall,
Kensington Gore, SW7.
April 26.

Priestly debate

From the Reverend Geoffrey Kirk

Sir, "The 1,500 priests in the Cost of Conscience movement have threatened to leave the main church if women are ordained . . ." (Kate Muir, "Playing female lead in the new church farce", April 19). The organisation's membership is 3,450 clergy — bishops, priests and deacons, male and female — and it has no intention of leaving the Church of England.

Its proposals for alternative episcopal oversight are intended to avoid such a split and it looks forward to cooperating closely with the Archbishop of Canterbury in exploring that idea, which Dr Carey described (report, April 17) as "a very interesting option".

Yours faithfully,
GEOFFREY KIRK (Secretary),
Cost of Conscience,
79 Maze Hill, Greenwich, SE10.

Census questions

From the Registrar General of England and Wales

Sir, Mr Yardley and others (April 23) regret that there was not more public debate on the census and the principles underlying it. The government's proposals for the questions were published in a white paper in July 1988 and debated and approved by both houses of parliament in December 1989.

The extra safeguards now imposed by the Census (Confidentiality) Act 1991 were also debated in the Lords last November and the Commons this February. We have produced a series of free census newsletters, and have had extensive consultation with users.

An independent review by the British Computer Society, published in February, concluded that the arrangements we had made were "fully in keeping with the very high standards of confidentiality required". We know of only one case where an enumerator has had to be prosecuted.

Census statistics are designed primarily to meet the needs of local councils, health authorities, and central government departments. However, they are made equally available to anyone who wants them. This is surely right in principle. It must also benefit the community that the widest possible range of providers of services should be able to plan effectively.

No information about identifiable individuals or households is passed on to anyone. Nor are statistics from which individuals or households could be identified.

Yours faithfully,
PETER WORMALD,
Registrar General for England
and Wales,
Office of Population Censuses
and Surveys,
St Catherine's House,
10 Kingsway, WC2.
April 23.

From Mr M. V. Schuck

Sir, The sale of census data for commercial purposes is, we may assume, an aspect of the government's campaign to inject commercial values into the public services. The concerns which your readers have expressed are symptomatic of the wider questions raised by this campaign.

There is of course a wholly valid debate as to where the border should be between the public and private sectors. What seems rather less debatable is that there is a difference of ethos between the two and thus that what citizens owe by way of public duty should not be allowed to become confused with what they might be expected to give "gratis" to commercial organisations through performing such public duties.

It is one thing for me, as a public duty and on pain of a £400 fine, to give personal information to the government for its purposes. It is quite another for the government to sell that information to those to whom I owe no such public duty.

Yours faithfully,
M. V. SCHUCK,
5 Croxden Close,
Edgware, Middlesex.
April 23.

Making the World Bank accountable

From Mr Karl A. Ziegler

Sir, Your report (Business and Finance, April 22) that US officials are pressing for a major shift at the World Bank away from government-guaranteed lending and to greater private-sector lending is most encouraging. As G7 financial leaders gather in Washington for meetings next Sunday, Monday and Tuesday past policy errors at the bank should be reviewed, bad lending losses absorbed and commercial accountability introduced at the World Bank.

Such an example could also be of help as management at the new European Bank for Reconstruction and Development sets out its role and policies for Eastern European reconstruction.

Since the days of Robert McNamara's presidency, World Bank management has been dominated by two premises: that more money should be raised and lent each year and that prosperity would trickle down to even the poorest citizens in developing countries. As a result, large capital-intensive projects are chosen annually by bank management in collaboration with Third World governments, often with adverse social and environmental consequences.

As the majority of World Bank funds are raised in the world capital markets, at the lowest rates, based on the explicit backing of wealthy governments, good money is often poured into bad mega-projects, advised by comfortable Washington-based bureaucrats, administered by often inept local governments, while the world's poorest economies are obliged to repay. Write-offs or reschedulings, even with lendings on bad projects, are simply not allowed. In this way, the World Bank retains its triple-A credit rating.

Third World governments often welcome the windfall of annually increasing flows of money from the bank, use much of it to service past debt, and at all levels of administration misappropriation can occur.

At an average overall administrative cost of $150,000 for each of the 6,000-strong direct bank workforce, the windfall is not restricted to Third World borrowers. Many bank employees can rely on high salaries, paid leave, generous pensions, lifetime employment, comfortable subsidised housing, education benefits for employees' children, and first-class travel when visiting often wealthy Third World government ministers.

Changes to the bank's charter and operating procedures are now overdue. G7 leaders should empower the bank to write off its unserviceable debts or sell them to investors at whatever discount is necessary. This would give privatisation a real boost in Third World countries and help to break the cycle of deficits, inflation and capital flight.

Such write-offs and indeed any renewed lending should be directed towards those governments which themselves evidence greatest democratic and financial accountability, to include strict controls on military expenditures. Write-offs should be made conditional on future maintenance of agreed programmes of financial, social and environmental reform.

By reducing costly and cumbersome head office staff and moving its people closer to the actual field operations, the World Bank would be better placed to help governments improve their own capacity to prioritise and prepare operations from the local level upwards. The donor-driven development process has to subject itself to early privatisation and obsolescence.

Accountability at the World Bank will make its operations smaller, leaner and better. With more closely targeted use of development assistance in the future, less will produce more for the world's poor.

Yours etc.,
K. A. ZIEGLER,
6 Bradbrook House, Studio Place,
Kinnerton Street, SW1.
April 24.

Cardiff Bay barrage

From the Director General of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds

Sir, My organisation has consistently opposed the Cardiff Bay barrage proposal (leading article, April 18) for nature conservation reasons. I believe that failure of the private bill to make progress in parliament should now be used constructively to re-examine the aims of the project.

The RSPB takes issue with the proposal to construct a permanent barrage and a freshwater lake enclosed by ten kilometres of concrete walls, at a cost to the public purse of some £100 million. Cardiff would be separated from its natural waterfront.

The bay should be receiving special protection under the EC directive on the conservation of wild birds. It is a 'site of special scientific interest (SSSI) and a vital part of the Severn estuary, one of the most important waterfowl sites in Britain. No other capital in Europe can boast the spectacle of 4,000 wading birds feeding in the heart of the city. It is accepted by all involved, government included, that creation of a wetlands conservation area nearby will not accommodate birds displaced from Cardiff Bay by loss of its intertidal land.

Large sums of public money have already been spent pursuing this environmentally dubious scheme. The costs of preventing groundwater damage to property and dealing with pollution problems in the new lake have yet to be estimated, and may prove very expensive.

We believe that it is within the reach of government to achieve its investment and employment objectives without destroying the SSSI, jeopardising the future of thousands of birds, creating a lake of doubtful quality, and damaging homes and businesses.

Yours etc.,
IAN PRESTT, Director General,
Royal Society for the Protection
of Birds,
The Lodge, Sandy, Bedfordshire.
April 19.

From the Chairman of Associated British Ports Holdings plc

Sir, I am broadly in agreement with the thrust of your leading article and strongly support the concept of a Cardiff Bay barrage. It is not, however, the case that Cardiff docks are "unused". The port handled 2.4 million tonnes of cargo in 1990 and trade continues to grow.

Yours faithfully,
KEITH STUART, Chairman,
Associated British Ports
Holdings plc,
150 Holborn, EC1.
April 24.

Gifts to the Tate

From Mr Ronald Alley

Sir, The list of "Tate favourites" included in Sarah Jane Checkland's article on the Tate Gallery ("Portrait of a master buyer", April 20) is not a correct representation. She has totted up the works by each artist without taking into account that a substantial number of them, and in some cases (Gordon House and Gerd Winner) all, are prints presented to the gallery.

For some years the Tate has benefited from the generosity of certain British print publishers and printers who have presented an impression of every print they produced, partly to serve as an archive of British print-making.

Yours faithfully,

RONALD ALLEY
(Keeper, Modern Collection, Tate
Gallery, 1965-86),
61 Deodar Road,
Putney, SW15.
April 21.

North of the Border

From Mr John Christopherson

Sir, The objection to "Scotch" seems to be fairly recent (letters, April 19, 23, 26). When I was a boy before the war everyone said it and no one minded. It was not until I worked with several Scots in the 1950s that I heard objections. Famous Scotch authors such as Boswell and Macaulay said "Scotch", and according to Nancy Mitford, in the book *Noblesse Oblige*, "Scotch" is U and "Scottish" is non-U.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN CHRISTOPHERSON,
21 Westgrove Lane,
Greenwich, SE10.

From Mrs Ena A. Wogin

Sir, If "Scotch" is good enough for Compton Mackenzie, then, Sir, it is good enough for me, and I am proud to call myself Scotch.

Yours etc.,
ENA WOGIN,
6 Templar Court,
Scunthorpe, Humberside.

Sound and fury at the Comedy

From Mr Warren Mitchell and others

Sir, Last Saturday night we — the cast of *The Homecoming* — and an audience of several hundred were subjected to an ordeal by sound as a result of several alarms sounding off from cars parked near the theatre. At one time no fewer than three were shrieking simultaneously: the owners could not be found and this monstrous distraction continued all through the performance, as one of the car alarms had been programmed to sound every five minutes, indefinitely.

This is hard enough on the actors and their long-suffering public, but what of the thousands of families living in inner-city areas whose sleep is disturbed nightly by these anti-social gadgets?

In nearly all cases they are crying wolf: all it takes is a nudge on the bumper from another car parking close, a clap of thunder, a bunch of soccer supporters "'ere we go"-ing a bit over-robustly, or, as in most cases, a simple electronic malfunction, and off they go, causing distress and annoyance to thousands. Car alarms should be banned.

Yours truly,
WARREN MITCHELL,
CHERIE LUNGHI,
GREG HICKS,
DOUGLAS McFERRAN,
JOHN NORMINGTON,
NICHOLAS WOODESON,
The Comedy Theatre,
Panton Street, SW1.
April 23.

Food for thought

From Professor G. C. Allen

Sir, Whether from Aberdeen, Cambridge or France, *Crème brûlée* (letters, April 19, 24) looks like one version of a more generic "brule" which includes not merely custards and seems of French composition. In 1935 I bought in New Orleans *La Cuisine Créole*, reprinted from an 1885 copy, with no named author. It was attributed verbally to that fascinating Irish-Greek writer, Lafcadio Hearn (1850-1904), who spent two years in the French West Indies.

Here is the description of "Grand Brule à la Boulanger (*From a Gourmet*)":

> The crowning of a grand dinner is a brule. It is the *pièce de résistance*, the grandest *pousse café* of all. After the coffee has been served, the lights are turned down or extinguished, brule is brought in and placed in the centre of the table upon a pedestal surrounded by flowers. A match is lighted, and after allowing the sulphur to burn entirely off is applied to the brandy, and as it burns it sheds its weird light upon the faces of the company, making them appear like ghouls in striking contrast to the gay surroundings. The stillness that follows gives an opportunity for thoughts that break out in ripples of laughter which pave the way for the exhilaration that ensues.

The recipe follows. Then

> Ignite but do not mix. After it has burned about fifteen minutes serve in wine glasses . . . Green tea and champagne are sometimes added.

Yours thoughtfully,
GEORGE C. ALLEN,
4 East Street,
Lewes, East Sussex.

From Mr Fritz Spiegl

Sir, The story that *Crème brûlée* came from Scotland via Trinity College, Cambridge at the end of the nineteenth century is a *canard*. I have a cookery-book dated 1738 and written for Louis XV by his Singing Chef which contains the following recipe, set to music:

CRESME BRULEE:
Huit jaunes d'oeufs, de la farine,
Cannelle, écorce de citron,
Du sucre et sel avec raison,
Du lait une chopine.
Sur le fourneau faites tout cuire,
Un caramel aussi ferez;
Dans un plat d'argent que prendrez,
Dont il faut vous instruire.

Listeners to *Mainly for Pleasure* on Radio 3 heard it last year and may, before long, hear it again.

Yours faithfully,
FRITZ SPIEGL,
4 Windermere Terrace, Liverpool 8.
April 24.

From the Chef of Trinity College, Cambridge

Sir, Fritz Spiegl provided Trinity College with a copy of the French recipe song, and it was sung by the college choir at the dinner for the installation of the Master last autumn. However it came to us, *Crème brûlée* is a traditional college dish in which we take pride.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN LEA,
Trinity College, Cambridge.
April 24.

Going for a soldier

From Mr Phil James

Sir, It is somehow reassuring to note that General Colin Powell (April 26), who is in charge of what is arguably the most powerful military machine in history, is a regular reader of your newspaper, and as such is subjected daily to both a non-parochial view of world events and opinions, and to the gentle influence of Messrs Levin, Howard, Coren, *et al.*

I bet he can't do the crossword, though.

Yours faithfully,
PHIL JAMES,
108 Clarendon Court,
Chambers Lane, NW2.
April 26.

Letters to the editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number — (071 782 5046).

COURT CIRCULAR

WINDSOR CASTLE
April 26: The President of the Republic of Poland and Mrs Walesa, with the Polish Suite in attendance, left Windsor Castle this morning upon the conclusion of the State Visit to The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh.

Mr John Titman was received by The Queen upon his retirement as Sergeant-at-Arms to Her Majesty and Secretary of the Lord Chamberlain's Office when The Queen conferred upon him the honour of Knighthood and invested him with the Insignia of a Knight Commander of the Royal Victorian Order.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Trustee of the Council, this evening attended the 1991 St George's House Annual Lecture at St George's Chapel, Windsor.

By command of The Queen, the Earl of Airlie (Lord Chamberlain) was present at Heathrow Airport, London this afternoon upon the departure of The President of the Republic of Poland and Mrs Walesa and bade farewell to The President and Mrs Walesa on behalf of Her Majesty.

By command of The Queen, the Lord Reay (Lord in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport, London this evening upon the departure of The State President of the Republic of South Africa and Mrs de Klerk and bade farewell to them on behalf of Her Majesty.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh were represented by Captain Colin Farquharson of Whitehouse (Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Aberdeenshire) at the Funeral of Madam Farquharson of Invercauld which was held in Crathie Parish Church today.

CLARENCE HOUSE
April 26: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother was represented by Mr Martin Leslie at the Funeral of Madam Farquharson of Invercauld which took place in Crathie Parish Church today.

KENSINGTON PALACE
April 26: The Prince of Wales was represented by Mr Hugh van Cutsem at the Funeral of Madam Farquharson of Invercauld which was held in Crathie Parish Church today.

KENSINGTON PALACE
April 26: The Duke of Gloucester was present at the 8th World Meat Congress luncheon, Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre, Westminster, London, SW1.

Major Nicholas Barne was in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
April 26: Princess Alexandra and Sir Angus Ogilvy this evening attended the St George's House Annual Lecture in St George's Chapel, Windsor.

The President of Zambia celebrates his birthday tomorrow.
Lady Helen Windsor celebrates her birthday tomorrow.

Royal engagements

TODAY: Prince Edward, as Chairman of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Special Projects Group, will visit Sir Thomas Mills School, Framlingham, at 11.00; and Ness House, Sizewell, at 11.55. He will also visit ICI Paints, Stowmarket, at 1.50; Newmarket Upper School at 2.45; Thetford Chase Walk, Norfolk, at 3.35; and will visit a Leaders Training Course at Offley Park, Hitchin, Hertfordshire, at 4.45.

The Princess Royal, as Commandant-in-Chief of the St John Ambulance and Nursing Cadets, will attend the National Youth Council inaugural meeting at Cowley Manor, near Cheltenham, at 2.15.

The Duchess of Kent, as Patron of Ripon College, Cuddesdon, will attend a reception at Burrow Farm, Hambleden, Henley-on-Thames, at 6.30.

TOMORROW: Prince Edward will attend the Charrington London fringe awards presentation at the Hackney Empire at 7.30.

The Princess Royal, as President of the Save the Children Fund, will attend a concert at the Alexander Theatre, Birmingham, at 7.15 to launch the Save the Children Fund Week.

Princess Margaret, as President of the NSPCC, will attend the children's variety performance at the Dominion Theatre at 6.55.

Weekend birthdays

TODAY: Professor Muriel Bradbrook, former mistress, Girton College, Cambridge, 82; Air Marshal Sir Charles Broughton, 80; Mr Donald Buttress, Surveyor of the Fabric of Westminster Abbey, 59; Sir Ross Chesterman, former warden, Goldsmiths' College, 82; the Most Rev R.H.A. Eames, Archbishop of Armagh, 54; Sir Peter Imbert, Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, 58; the Right Rev E.W. Kemp, Bishop of Chichester, 76; Air Marshal Sir Ronald Lees, 81; Sir Harry Melville, former principal, Queen Mary College, 83; Professor Sir Richard Norman, rector, Exeter College, Oxford, 59; Mr Igor Oistrakh, violinist, 60; Mr Alan Reynolds, painter, 65; the Hon Nicholas Serota, director, Tate Gallery, 45; Lord Taylor of Gryfe, 79; Sir John Thomson, diplomat, 64.

TOMORROW: Mr Ian Beer, head master, Harrow School, 60; Professor Hugh Bentall, cardiologist, 71; the Earl of Breadalbane and Holland, 72; Mr Mike Brearley, cricketer and psychoanalyst, 49; Baroness Carnegy of Lour, 66; Commandant Elizabeth Craig-McFeely, former director, WRNS, 64; Mr Duane Eddy, guitarist, 53; Mrs Odette Hallowes, GC, wartime agent, 79; Mr Justice Leonard, 65; Earl Lloyd George of Dwyfor, 67; Baroness Lucas of Crudwell and Dingwall, 72; Mr William Moodie, chief constable, Fife, 60; Dr Jeffrey Tate, conductor, 48; Mr J.L. Thorn, former headmaster, Winchester College, 66; Mr Garry Weston, chairman, Associated British Foods, 64; Mrs Helen Williams, high mistress, St Paul's Girls' School, 53; the Ven Sam Woodhouse, former Archdeacon of London, 79.

Legal appointments

Graham Boal to be First Senior Treasury Counsel at the Central Criminal Court, following the appointment of Julian Bevan as one of Her Majesty's Counsel.

Victor Temple and David Calvert-Smith to be Sixth and Seventh Senior Treasury Counsel.

Nigel Sweeney to be First Junior Treasury Counsel.

William Boyce, Richard Horwell and Orlando Pownall to be Junior Treasury Counsel.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr A.C.V. Aldous
and Miss E.N. Lewis
The engagement is announced between Alex, elder son of Dr and Mrs Brian Aldous, of Alveston, Gloucestershire, and Non, daughter of the Very Rev Bertie and Mrs Lewis, of St Davids, Dyfed.

Mr G. St J.F. Bell
and Miss E.T. Boger
The engagement is announced between Giles, son of Mr and Mrs John F. Bell, of Upper Beeding, West Sussex, and Emma, elder daughter of Dr and Mrs Richard Boger, of Steyning, West Sussex.

Mr J.M. Bellak
and Miss V.L. Barker
The engagement is announced between Max, eldest son of Mr and Mrs John Bellak, of Tittensor Chase, Staffordshire, and Victoria, daughter of Mr and Mrs Christopher Barker, of Firbeck, South Yorkshire.

Mr N. Colton
and Miss S. Moller
Peter and Robyn Moller wish to announce the engagement of their daughter Samantha to Nicholas, son of Steve and Anne Colton.

Mr L. Chapman
and Miss H. Robbins
The engagement is announced between Lee, son of Dr and Mrs Peter Chapman, of Little Stretton, Shropshire, and Helen, daughter of Mr Kenneth Robbins and Mrs Patricia Robbins, of Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.

Mr R.W. Crawford Clarke
and Dr K.E. Hornett
The engagement is announced between Robert, younger son of Mr and Mrs David Crawford Clarke, of Lythwood House, Bayston Hill, Shropshire, and Karen, daughter of Dr G.A.W. Hornett, of Godalming, and Mrs H.E. Hornett, of Run Common Cottage, Shamley Green, Surrey.

Mr D.R. Dale
and Miss C.L. Sanford
The engagement is announced between Derrick Ralph, second son of Mr J.B. Dale, of Tokyo, Japan, and Mrs E. Patricia Dale, of Mortimer West End, Berkshire, and Claire Louise, second daughter of Mr W.R. and Mrs M.L. Sanford, of Bromley, Kent.

Mr A.W. Darby
and Miss K.E. Solino
The engagement is announced between Alistair William, son of Mr and Mrs O.C. Darby, of Edgbaston, Birmingham, and Kellie Ellen, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Solino, of Hampton in Arden, Solihull.

Dr J.F. Henderson
and Miss M.K. Struthers
The engagement is announced between James Frederick, youngest son of the late Mr Hugh Henderson and of Mrs Henderson, of Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, and Mary Katharine, only daughter of the late Mr Maxwell Struthers and of Mrs Struthers, of Berkhamsted, Hertfordshire.

Mr A.M. Kidd
and Miss I.J.C. Rosas Ochoa
The engagement is announced between Anton, only son of Mr and Mrs Peter Kidd, of Cardiff, and Catalina, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Rosas Ochoa, of Bogota, Colombia.

Mr O.J. Pearce
and Miss K.A. Quan
The engagement is announced between Oliver James, younger son of Mr and Mrs R.G.A. Pearce, of Worcester, and Kelley Ann, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Douglas Quan, of Vancouver, Canada.

Mr M.W. Richards
and Miss S-J. Leigh
The engagement is announced between Michael Wyndham, younger son of Mr and Mrs W.L. Richards, of Leigh-on-Sea, and Sarah-Jane, elder daughter of the late Mr E. Leigh and of Mrs J. Leigh, of Chelsea.

Mr M.C.R. Stockdale
and Miss C.N. Butcher
The engagement is announced between Michael Clive Reginald, only son of Colonel A.T.M. Stockdale, OBE, of Puttenham, Surrey, and Mrs D.J. Poli, of Roecliffe, Yorkshire, and Claire Nelia, elder daughter of Dr and Mrs R.M. Butcher, of Godalming, Surrey.

St Aubyns, Rottingdean

The St Aubyns Old Boys Cocktail Party will be held in London on Monday, May 20. For further details telephone 0273 302170.

OBITUARIES

LT-COLONEL JOHN CODRINGTON

Lieutenant-Colonel John Codrington, soldier and spymaster, died on April 25 aged 92. He was born in London on October 28, 1898.

JOHN Codrington was a soldier, spymaster, world traveller and professional gardener; also, at various times, a policeman, a fireman, a brewer's drayman and the fixer for a film company. He fought in the first world war, helped escapers from Occupied Europe in the second and was equally at home in the best clubs and the lowest dives both in his native London and in the remotest parts of the globe.

The Codringtons are an old Gloucestershire family, one of whose forebears carried Henry V's standard at Agincourt. John Alfred Codrington was the youngest son of Lt-General Sir Alfred Codrington. He was educated at Harrow, Sandhurst, Oxford, and Strasbourg. On May 1, 1917, he joined his father's regiment, the Coldstream Guards, with whom he served in France and Germany.

After the war, though still in the army, he went up to Christ Church, Oxford, under a special scheme for servicemen, to obtain an abbreviated degree in modern languages – French and, later, Greek. In 1920 Codrington became ADC to General Sir Thomas Bridges in the British Military Mission at Smyrna, and then liaison officer with the Greek Army in Asia Minor. He was awarded the Greek Military Cross. Subsequently he was appointed interpreter to the committee of allied generals in Constantinople afterwards moving to Beirut as liaison officer with the French Forces of the Levant. His knowledge of French *argot*, which might have enabled him to pass as a Frenchman, had been acquired, he used to say, in the working-class bars of Paris.

He secured a unique attachment in 1930 to the French Foreign Legion and the 2nd Spahis in North Africa. Codrington was officially invited to represent the British Army at the centenary of the Foreign Legion in 1931 at Sidi-Sel-Abbès.

After serving with his regiment in the Sudan and Egypt, he went to India as ADC to the Commander-in-Chief, Sir Philip Chetwode. Horticulture having been an interest since childhood he helped in designing, very ingeniously, the residency gardens. He travelled back through Russia to England and rejoined his regiment but in 1936 left the army and was recruited to MI6. He worked in London, Paris and Vienna. After the war began, he spent his evenings, based at Chelsea police station, as Special Constable 169 before being recalled to the army, with the rank of lieutenant-colonel, to serve as Assistant Chief-of-Staff to Lord Gort, the Governor of Gibraltar: but he was, in reality, still with MI6. To those responsibilities he added work for MI9, dealing with escape and evasion, and liaison with the French Secret Intelligence Services in Algiers.

Returning to England in 1944, he was posted away from MI6 to the administration of Occupied Territories. While waiting to go abroad he worked as a labourer for Watney's brewery, first in the malt loft and then on the delivery vans. He was finally demobilised on VE Day, but then acted for a while as personal assistant to General Urquhart, Director of the Territorial Army.

The job he took in 1947 was perhaps the most surprising of his career. He found himself in a totally unfamiliar, delightfully crazy atmosphere, working for Sir Alexander Korda at London Films, arranging transport and accommodation and, when the need arose, the co-operation of the Household Cavalry. As though he needed extra occupation, he joined the Auxiliary Fire Service as a fireman based in Clapham; in which capacity he fought many spectacular and hazardous conflagrations.

In 1956 he left London Films for BOAC, where his principal duty was, on behalf of the chairman, to welcome or see off important persons at Heathrow. This job was axed in 1960, whereupon he turned his hobby into gainful employment, becoming – and continuing to be for the rest of his life – a professional garden designer. He offered his clients water-colour sketches of the garden before, and as it would look after, his ministrations. Among his more exotic assignments were the public gardens at Timbuktu; a place which he said was well worth visiting at full moon, when the shadows were black on the silver sand and there was no sound in the unmotorised streets.

The fees he charged for horticultural advice were deliberately modest, but enough to finance incessant travel. In his late 80s, and after turning 90, he went to New Zealand and Australia, found a ship to take him through the Straits of Magellan, visited Easter Island, Mexico and Hawaii, Egypt, Korea and the Falklands. Everywhere he travelled, he filled his sketchbooks (a series running back to the battlefield of the Somme) and still enjoyed slipping away to pubs and bars. In London he frequented the Garrick, Pratt's and the Beefsteak. Innumerable friends, far younger than he, would say he was among the most remarkable men they had ever met.

In 1936 he married Primrose Harley. They were divorced in 1942.

PETER ALLSEBROOK

Peter Winder Allsebrook, CBE, chairman of TNT (UK), has died aged 73. He was born on November 4, 1917.

PETER Allsebrook will be remembered for his remarkable drive, business flair in the world of transport and for service to the community. He was chairman of TNT (UK) from 1973 when the firm began operations in Britain, and his involvement with TNT went back more than 30 years when he helped Sir Peter Abeles expand the Australian company into a world-wide transportation group.

As UK chairman of Truckline Ferries, in partnership with a French consortium, he introduced in 1973 a daily freight ferry service between Poole and Cherbourg operating from a new roll-on/roll-off terminal purpose-built by Poole Harbour Commissioners. He was instrumental in creating hundreds of jobs in Dorset.

Allsebrook was educated at Fettes College, Caen University (he was a quarter French) and Brasenose College, Oxford. He had an eventful war and was demobilised from the Sherwood Foresters as a lieutenant-colonel in 1946, having been captured at Tobruk in 1940, escaped in 1941 and mentioned in dispatches in 1944.

His life was devoted to encouraging people either at work, or away from it, particularly when they needed support. He and his wife, Elizabeth, visited regularly all TNT's depots in the United Kingdom, and some overseas, to see members of staff. During the dispute with the print unions over Wapping, he went to meet every one of TNT's staff working there who were nightly involved in delivering the newspapers.

Away from his business life, Allsebrook devoted much time and energy to many charitable and county organisations in Dorset to which he moved some 20 years ago. The Dorset Training and Enterprise Council, which he chaired, was one of the first to receive funding and approval from the department of employment, thanks largely to his efforts. He was the Dorset chairman of the Royal Jubilee and Prince's Trust and the Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital Appeal, and a trustee of the Salisbury Spire appeal.

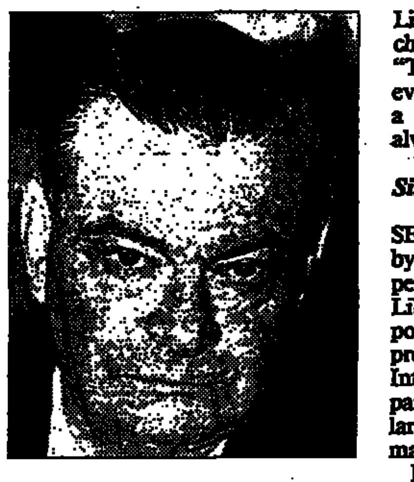
Young people were his great hope for the future. He espoused and supported wholeheartedly the Youth Afloat Festival which attracted more than 2,000 young people from Barnardo's and other homes each year to Poole Harbour. He adopted two schools, one protestant and one Catholic, in Northern Ireland and arranged for underprivileged sixth formers from each of them to visit the festival and local firms in Dorset. He promoted links between the two schools, the Methodist College and St Louise's Catholic School for Girls, through the formation of joint debating societies and peace events. He also forged a connection between the Northern Ireland Industrial Development Board and the Dorset Chamber of Commerce to help create new jobs in the province.

Allsebrook was High Sheriff of Dorset for 1990-91 and a deputy lieutenant of the county.

He is survived by his wife, two sons and two daughters.

GIOVANNI MALAGODI

Giovanni Malagodi, Italian treasury minister, 1972-73, and secretary-general of the Partito Liberale Italiano, 1954-72, died in Rome on April 17 aged 86. He was born on October 12, 1904.



ALTHOUGH he came from a family which had traditional ties with the Italian Liberal movement — his father had been a Liberal senator — Giovanni Malagodi did not himself enter politics until he was almost 50, having previously pursued a career as a banker. He then led the Liberal party for 18 years, after which he served as treasury minister for just over a year, a period in which he was involved in monetary negotiations with the European community at a time when the lira was under considerable pressure from the other European currencies.

Giovanni Francesco Malagodi was born and spent his early years in London where his father was the correspondent of the Liberal paper *La Tribuna*. As a result he grew up speaking excellent English and also developed a pragmatic approach to political questions which remained largely unmarred by the rhetoric which is apt to prevail in Italian political debate. He read law and political theory at Rome University and began his career in banking at the Banca Commerciale Italiana in Venice. He took no part in politics during the fascist years and spent the war years in Buenos Aires where he was general manager of the Banque Française et Italienne pour l'Amérique du Sud.

After reaching the top of his profession he became in 1947 adviser to the foreign affairs ministry. From 1947 to 1952 he was also Italian representative at the Organisation for European Economic Co-operation, becoming leader of the Italian Liberal party afterwards. He was elected to the Italian parliament as a deputy for Milan in 1953. He brought to parliament an international experience which was not common among Italian politicians of that era and his ironic wit was soon a well-known feature of his speeches in the chamber, particularly when he let it play upon the affairs of the Christian Democrat party. He was nevertheless to find himself, as treasury minister in the administration of the Christian Democrat Giulio Andreotti 1972-3, with the difficult brief of defending the lira. In the event the Italian currency was floated in 1973 following the devaluation of the dollar.

Malagodi had published a number of books on political theory. He was a great admirer of the British Liberal party, and was a former chairman of Liberal International. "The socialists are getting stuffy everywhere," he once remarked on a visit to London. "Liberals are always against stuffiness."

Sir David Steel, MP, writes:

SENATOR Giovanni Malagodi was by far the most consistent and persistent practical advocate of Liberalism internationally in the post-war world. At his death he was president of honour of both Liberal International and the Italian Liberal party whose influence, thanks largely to Malagodi, shone through many Italian governments.

He was always a fervent internationalist. His first wife who died in 1987 was German and his widow, whom he married two years ago, is French. He spoke those two languages, together with English, impeccably and with stylish wit, frequently switching between them almost imperceptibly during his speeches. He was first president of Liberal International from 1958 to 1966 and again from 1983 to 1989. In 1987 he served as president of the Italian Senate, ranking second in the republic only to the president. His presidency of Liberal International was astute, patient and good humoured. I once heard him upbraid a tiresome member of the executive by saying: "There are many ways of cracking an egg, and using a sledgehammer is only one of them."

A man of great breadth of culture and history, he laced his impromptu speeches with historic, philosophic and literary references. He edited thoughtful books and took great pride, in these last three years, in being a professor at the University of Sienna where he taught European subjects. When I stood for the European parliament in Central Italy in 1989, with Malagodi's enthusiastic encouragement, he organised a memorable and well-attended public "round table" on the future of Europe.

He lived in his beloved Tuscany villa where his vineyard (L'Aiola) produced very fine wine, and was as generous a host as he was a gentle yet highly influential figure across the generations of many countries.

Memorial service

Mr R.J.O. Meyer
A service of thanksgiving for Mr R.J.O. Meyer was held yesterday in Wells Cathedral. The Dean of Wells officiated, assisted by Canon S.R. Cutt, treasurer, the Rev Tom Wilkinson, Senior Chaplain of Millfield School, the Rev Dr William Marshall, chaplain, and the Right Rev Alec Hamilton.

Mr W. Bailey, Chairman of the Old Millfieldian Society, read the lesson and Mr Malcolm Tucker read from the works of John Donne. Mr Gareth Edwards, Miss Brenda Ludgate and Mr Christopher Martin, Headmaster of Millfield School, gave addresses.

Change of memorial service

The memorial service for Nicholas H. Phillips will now be held at St George's Church, Hanover Square, London, W1, on Tuesday, May 7, at 11.30 am.

Ball

Staffordshire Lieutenancy
The Lord Lieutenant of Staffordshire and Lady Bryan were hosts at a charity ball held last night at Trentham Gardens, Stoke-on-Trent, in aid of the Royal Navy, Army, and RAF Benevolent Funds, SSAFA, the British Red Cross and St John Ambulance. The Vice-Lord Lieutenant of Staffordshire and Mrs James, the High Sheriff of Staffordshire and Mrs Jones, the Chairman of Staffordshire County Council and Mrs O'Leary and the Mayor and Mayoress of Stafford were among those present.

Reception

HM Government
Mr Ian Lang, Secretary of State for Scotland, was host at a reception given by Her Majesty's Government last night in Edinburgh Castle to mark the National Trust for Scotland's diamond jubilee.

Church services tomorrow

Fourth Sunday after Easter

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.30 Sung Euch; 9.30 M (Quire); 11 Sung Euch, Missa Festiva (Peeters), Exultate justi (Viadana). The Archdeacon; 3.15 E, Responses (Lloyd), Jesus services (Mathias), Ecce vicit leo (Philips); 6.30 Sermon & Compline. Rev Dr C A Lewis.

YORK MINSTER: 8, 8.45 HC; 10 Sung Euch, Messe Solennelle (Langlais), O sacrum convivium (Guerrero). Sermon by Canon R Metcalfe; 11.30 M, Stanford in B flat; 4 E, Blair in B minor, I was glad when they said unto me (Parry). Canon R Mayland.

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10.30 M, Responses (Leighton), Te Deum and Jubilate in C (Stanford). Rev G Hopley; 11.30 HC, Darke in F, Most glorious Lord of life (Harris); 3.15 E, Stanford in C, Lo, the full final sacrifice (Finzi). Rev J Halliburton.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY: 10 M, Rev C Semper; 11 M & Baptism (St Margaret's Church). Rev Dr D Gray; 11.15 Abbey Euch, Rev A Henderson; 3 E, Rt Rev N McCulloch; 5.45 Organ Recital; 6.30 ES, Rev A Luff.

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: 9 HC; 11 Euch, Missa Laudate Dominum (Lassus), O be joyful in the Lord (Britten), Jesu, the very thought of thee (Bairstow). Canon I Smith-Cameron; 3 E, Blair in B minor, Blessed be the God and Father (Wesley). Canon P Price.

WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL: 7, 8, 9, 12, 5.30, 7 M; 10.30 SM, Missa O rex gloriae (Palestrina), Regina caeli (Guerrero), O sacrum convivium (Guerrero), Final from Symphonie VI (Vierne); 2.30 Organ Recital; 3.30 Solemn V&B, Magnificat tertii toni (de Monte), Adoramus te, Christe (Monteverdi), Carillon de Longpont (Vierne).

ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL, Southwark: 8, 10 (Children's), 6 LM; 11.30 HM, Missa pontificalis, Fr M Sheatha.

GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL OF THE DIVINE WISDOM, Moscow Rd, W2: 9.30 M; 11 Divine Liturgy.

RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL OF THE DORMITION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD, Ennismore Gdns, SW7: 10.30 Divine Liturgy.

SERBIAN ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL OF ST SAVVA, Lancaster Rd, W1: 10.30 Divine Liturgy.

THE CHAPEL ROYAL, St James's Palace: 8.30 HC; 11.15 MP, Blessed be the God and Father (Wesley). Rev J G Haslam.

QUEEN'S CHAPEL OF THE SAVOY, WC2: 11 M, Stanford in B flat, Sing ye to the Lord (Bairstow), Rev J Robson; 12.30 HC.

ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE CHAPEL, Greenwich, SE10: 8.30 HC; 11 Sung Euch, Grant us thy peace (Mendelssohn), Blessed be the God and Father (Wesley). The Chaplain.

GUARDS CHAPEL, Wellington Barracks, SW1: 11 M, This is the Day (Anon), Easter Anthems, The day draws on with golden light (Bairstow). The Chaplain; 12 HC.

GRAY'S INN CHAPEL: 11.15 Divine Service. Canon E James.

LINCOLN'S INN CHAPEL: 11.30 MP, Above all praise and majesty (Mendelssohn). Rev J W Montgomery.

TOWER OF LONDON, EC3: 9.15 HC; 11 M, Responses (Leighton), Chant, Stanford in C, Antiphon (Walton). Rev R D Gould.

TEMPLE CHURCH, Fleet Street, EC4: 8.30, 11.15 HC, Missa Brevis in F (Mozart), Rev G Rowell.

ST CLEMENT DANES (RAF Church) WC2: 9, 12.15 HC; 11 Service of Commemoration. Rev V Cooper.

ALL HALLOWS BY THE TOWER: 11 Sung Euch, Rev Canon P Delaney.

ALL SAINTS, Margaret Street, W1: 8, 5.15 LM; 10.30 HM, Darke in F, Tu es Petrus (Palestrina). The Vicar; 6 E&B, Noble in B minor, Blessed be the God and Father (Wesley), Rev P McGeary.

ALL SOULS, Langham Place, W1: 11 Rev I Bentley; 6.30 Rev Dr J Stott.

CHELSEA OLD CHURCH, Old Church Street, SW3: 8, 12 HC; 10 Children's Service; 11 M, Preb C E L Thomson; 6 E, Preb C E L Thomson.

CHRIST CHURCH, CHELSEA, SW3: 8 HC; Sung Euch 11, Rev S Acland.

GROSVENOR CHAPEL, South Audley Street: 8.15 HC; 11 Sung Euch, Rev A W Marks.

HOLY TRINITY, Brompton Road, SW7: 10.30 Family & HC, Rev J A K Millar; 6.30 Informal Service, Mr J Jennings.

HOLY TRINITY, Prince Consort Road, SW7: 8.30, 12.05 HC; 11 Choral MP. Rev Dr M Israel.

HOLY TRINITY, Sloane Street, SW1: 8.45 HC; 11 Euch, Rev K L Yates.

ST ALBAN'S, Brooke St, EC1: 9.30 SM; 11 HM, Missa Brevis (Mozart). Preb J Gaskell; 5.30 LM.

ST BARTHOLOMEW THE GREAT, Smithfield, EC1: 9 HC; 11 M, V Williams in G, A My shepherd is the living God (Tomkins). Canon D Burgess; 6.30 E, Purcell in G minor, A Surrexit Pastor (Lassus).

ST BRIDE'S, Fleet Street, EC4: 11 Choral M & Euch, Benedictus (Gibbons), Darke in F, O sacrum convivium (Messiaen). Canon J Oates; 6.30 Choral E, Responses (Sumsion), Wood in D, Lo, the full, final sacrifice (Finzi). Canon J Oates.

ST CUTHBERT'S, Philbeach Gardens SW5: 10 HC; 11 Sung Euch, Collegium Regale (Howells), Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace (Wesley). Rev J Vine.

ST GEORGE'S, Bloomsbury, WC1: 10 Parish Communion; 6.30 E.

ST GEORGE'S, Hanover Square, W1: 8.30 HC; 11 Sung Euch, the Rector.

ST JAMES'S, Muswell Hill, N10: 8, 11 HC, Rev Preb M Bunker; 6.30 Spotlight Service.

ST JAMES'S, Piccadilly, W1: 8.30 HC; 11 S Euch; 5.45 EP.

ST JAMES'S, Sussex Gardens, W2: 8 HC; 10.30 SE, Rev G Buckle; 6 CE, the Vicar.

ST JOHN'S, Hyde Park Crescent, W2: 8 HC; 10 Parish Euch with Children's Church, Rev O Ross; 6.30 ES, Canon T Birchard.

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, Holland Rd, W14: 10 Mass (Latin); 11 SM, Fr G Bright; 6 V&B.

ST JOHN'S WOOD CHURCH, NW8: 8 HC; 9.30 Parish C; 11 Sung Euch, the Vicar.

ST LUKE'S, Chelsea, SW3: 8 HC; 10.30 MP & HC, Rev D Watson; 6.30 EP.

ST MARK'S, Regents Park Rd, NW1: 8 Mass; 10 Family C; 11 Sung Euch, Rev T Devonshire Jones.

ST MARGARET'S, Westminster, SW1: 11 M & Baptism, Responses (Aylewarde), Britten in C, Blessed be the God and Father (Wesley). Canon D Gray; 12.15 HC.

ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS, WC2: 8 HC; 9.45 Euch, St Martin's Service (Stringer), Cantique de Jean Racine (Fauré), Tantum ergo (Duruflé), Hilary Davidson; 11.30 Visitors to London Service, Rev J Pridmore; 2.45 Chinese Service, Rev G Lee; 5 Choral E, God liveth still (Bach), Responses (Derrick), Stanford in C, All creatures of our God and King (Derrick); 6.30 ES.

ST MARY ABBOTS, Kensington, W8: 8, 12.30 HC; 9.30 Sung Euch, Rev Prof B Lindars; 11.15 M, Rev Prof B Lindars; 6.30 Choral E, Bishop of London.

ST MARY'S, Bourne Street, SW1: 9, 9.45, 7 LM; 11 HM, Missa brevis Capella Regalis (A Caesar). Fr N McCurry; 6.15 E & Solemn Benediction.

ST MARYLEBONE, Marylebone Road, W1: 8 HC; 11 Choral Euch, The Western Wind Mass (Taverner), Dum transisset Sabbatum (Taverner). Rev J Chater; 6.30 E, Rev I Brown.

ST MARY-LE-STRAND (WRNS Church), Strand WC2: 11 Sung Communion, Rev E Thompson.

ST MATTHEW'S WESTMINSTER, Gt Peter St, SW1: 8 HC; 10 Solemn Mass, Mass (Murray). The Vicar; 6.30 Euch.

ST MICHAEL'S, Chester Square, SW1: 8.15, 11 HC, Rev J Crossley; 7 Informal ES & HC, Rev D C L Prior.

ST PETER'S, Eaton Square, SW1: 8.15 HC; 10 Family Mass; 11 Solemn Mass, Missa in illo tempore (Monteverdi). Fr D Tillyer.

ST SIMON ZELOTES, Milner Street, SW3: 8, 7.30 HC; 11 MP, Purcell in D, Ye choirs of new Jerusalem (Stanford). Rev G James; 6.30 E, Rev G James.

ST STEPHEN'S, Gloucester Road, SW7: 8, 9 LM; 11 SM.

ST VEDAST, Foster Lane, EC2: 11 SM, Rev R Avent.

THE ANNUNCIATION, Bryanston Street, W1: 11 SM; 6 LM & B.

ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Pont Street, SW1: 11, 3 HC, Rev J H McIndoe; 6.30 Rev S Dunleavy.

CROWN COURT CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Covent Garden, WC2: 11.15, 6.30 Rev H G Ross.

THE ASSUMPTION, Warwick Street, W1: 11 Missa O quam gloriosum (Victoria), Ave verum (Byrd), Ego sum panis vivus (Byrd).

CHURCH OF OUR LADY, Lisson Grove, St John's Wood: 10.45 Missa se la face pale (Dufay), Gloria VIII, Credo IV.

FARM STREET, W1: 7.30, 8.30, 10, 12.15, 4.15, 6.15 LM; 11 HM.

THE ORATORY, Brompton Road, SW7: 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12.30, 4.30, 7; 3.30 V & B.

ST ETHELDREDA'S, Ely Place: 11 Sung Mass.

ST MARY'S, Cadogan Street, SW3: 8.30, 10, 11, 12.15, 6.30.

OUR LADY OF VICTORIES, Kensington High Street, W8: 8.30, 10, 12.30, 6.30 LM; 11.15 SM.

AMERICAN CHURCH IN LONDON, Tottenham Court Rd, W1: 11 Rev Ron F Allison.

CITY TEMPLE, Holborn, EC1: 10.30 MS, Mr I Muir.

HINDE STREET METHODIST CHURCH, W1: 11 Rev M Rothwell; 6.30 Rev P Hoar.

KENSINGTON TEMPLE (Charismatic), Notting Hill Gate, W11: 9 HC, Wynne Lewis; 11 Celebration, Wynne Lewis; 2.30 Family Service, Colin Dye; 6.30 Musical: Lord of All, Colin Dye; 9 Late on Sunday (Talk Back).

KENSINGTON URC, Allen Street, W8: 11 Rev P Lovatt; 6.30 Miss J Strauss.

REGENT SQUARE URC (Presbyterian/Congregational), Tavistock Place, WC1: 11 Rev K Swame; 6.30 Rev Dr R Scopes.

SALVATION ARMY (Regent Hall, Oxford St W1: 11, 6.30 Major C Hunt.

ST ANNE AND ST AGNES (Lutheran), Gresham St, EC2: 11 Choral HC, Rev R T Englund; 7 Gospel Song & Spirituals, Rev Wayne D Swanson.

ST JOHN'S WOOD URC, Lords Roundabout, NW8: 11 Rev A McLellan.

WESLEY'S CHAPEL, City Road, EC2: 9.45 HC; 11 MS, Rev P Hulme.

WESTMINSTER CENTRAL HALL (Methodist), SW1: 11, 6.30, Rev Dr R J Tudor.

WESTMINSTER MEETING SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (Quakers), 52 St Martins La WC2: 11, Meeting for worship.

Dinners

Inner Temple
The Treasurer, Mr F. Petre Crowder, QC, and Masters of the Bench of the Inner Temple entertained the following guests at dinner on Wednesday, April 24, 1991, the Grand Day of Easter Term:

The Duke and Duchess of Norfolk, Viscount Whitelaw, CH, Major Lord Desmond Chichester, Lord Mowbray, Segrave and Stourton, Lord Ellenborough, Lady Soames, Lady Mackay of Clashfern, Lord Kimball, Lady Griffiths, Lady Callaghan of Cardiff, Lord Pym, Lord Waddington, QC, Sir Geoffrey Howe, QC, MP, Mr Michael Heseltine, MP, Lord Justice Watkins, VC, Mr and Mrs Robin Leigh-Pemberton, Sir William Clark, MP, the Hon Mrs Petre Crowder, the Hon Robert Boscawen, MP, the Hon Piers St Aubyn, Sir James Baird, Colonel Sir Brian Barttelot, Dame Jill Knight, MP, the Hon Sir Michael Davies (Treasurer of Lincoln's Inn), Lady Percival, Mr Denis Compton, Major Ion Calvocoressi, Mr G.R. Darling, QC (Treasurer of the Middle Temple) and Captain P.T. Sheehan (Sub-Treasurer).

Old Ipswichian Club
Mr H.J.G. Barr, President of the Old Ipswichian Club, was in the chair at the London dinner held last night at the East India Club. Dr J.M. Blatchly, Headmaster of Ipswich School, was the principal guest and Mr T.J. Briden also spoke.

Himalayan Club
Mr Iain Peter of the British Mountaineering Council was the guest of honour and principal speaker at the annual reunion dinner of the Himalayan Club held last night at the Oriental Club. Mr Robert Pettigrew presided.

St John Historical Society
Dr Colin Dawson, President of the St John Historical Society, presided at the dinner to mark the 10th anniversary of the founding of the society held at the Imperial Hotel last night. Professor Jonathan Riley-Smith, Librarian of the Order of St John, was the principal guest and speaker, Mr Barry Theobald-Hicks, chairman, with the Hon Julia Stonor, welcomed the guests. Among those present were:

Mrs Riley-Smith, Mrs Dawson, Lieutenant-Commander James MacLaren Anderson (vice chairman) and Mrs MacLaren Anderson, Dr C J P Seccombe, Mr and Mrs Robert Balchin, the Rev Dr Peter Galloway, Dr C C G Rawll, Miss Helen Gribble, Mr and Mrs Derek Fenton, the Rev Dr D Schuld, Miss Rosemary Bailey, Mr and Mrs David Fenton, Miss Eunée Salkeld and Jonathan Bolton-Dignam of Triermaine.

Refined Sugar Association
The Refined Sugar Association held a dinner at Plaisterers' Hall last night by kind permission of the Plaisterers' Company, to mark the centenary of the Refined Sugar Association. Mr Ejner Stendevad, Head of Sugar Division at the Commission of the European Communities, proposed the toast to the association and Mr Michael Cronk, chairman, responded. A toast to the guests was proposed by Mr Michael Stone, Chairman of E.D. & F. Man Limited, and the Right Hon Sir Michael Kerr, former Lord Justice of Appeal, responded. Mrs M. Florez Prida, Ambassador of Cuba, the Right Hon Lord Justice Bingham and the Hon Mr Justice Hobhouse also attended the dinner, together with members and guests representing 45 countries.

Service dinners

HMS Collingwood
Judge Roath was the guest of honour at a ladies' night dinner held last night at HMS Collingwood, Fareham. Commander D.A. Raines presided.

East Surrey Regiment
Brigadier M.J.A. Clarke presided at a dinner held last night at Simpson's-in-the-Strand for officers who served in the East Surrey Regiment.

51st (Highland) Division
Lieutenant-General Sir Richard Swinburn, was the guest of honour at the London reunion dinner of the 51st (Highland) Division Dinner Club held last night at the Army and Navy Club. Lieutenant-Colonel J.D. McGregor presided.

Church news

Appointments
The Rev Arthur E Ash, Assistant Curate, Attleborough (Coventry): to be Vicar, St Thomas, Garretts Green (Birmingham).
The Rev John E Barrett, Team Vicar, Stanground and Farcet: to be Vicar, Friday Bridge Coldham and Elm (Ely).
The Rev Samuel H Cowley, Curate, St Mary's, Hadleigh, to be Priest-in-charge, Holy Trinity, Fore Hamlet and St Michael, Ipswich (St Edmundsbury and Ipswich).

مكتبة الاهرام

مكبر عن الاصل

Instead, be holy in all that you do, just as God who called you is holy.
1 Peter 1:15 GNB

BIRTHS

BLACKETT OGRAM - On December 24th 1990, to *Polly and Simon*, a daughter, Theophania Eve.

DEAL - On April 22nd, at the Humana Hospital Wellington, to Jonathan and Renée, a son.

FRY - On April 18th 1991, at St Thomas's, to Anne (née Birrell) and Anthony, a daughter, Sophie Alexandra.

HALFORD - On April 25th, to Caroline and Peter, a daughter, Lucy Alexandra, a sister for Edward.

HALSALL - On April 2nd, to Marilyn (née New) and John, a daughter, Charlotte Emily Irene, a sister for James and Robert.

HARDING - On April 23rd, to Emma (*née Dumenil*) and Richard, a son, Rory Alexander Charles, a brother for Alice and Piers.

HUNT - On April 20th, at The Portland Hospital, to Sarah (née Allen) and Peter, a son, Alexander *George* James.

NASH - On April 24th, to Jonathan and Helene, a son, Oliver Alan.

PENNY - On April 24th 1991, to Helga (née Robinson) and Andrew, a son, Jonathan Lewis. *Grateful* thanks to all the staff at Beverley Westwood Hospital.

PURI - On April 9th 1991, in Oxford, to Sheila (née Harper) and Shaminder, a dear daughter, Shona Ishara, a sister for Darshan and Roshan.

RANSLEY - On March 16th, to David and Nicky, of Rosa Alba *Mews, London*, two sons, Charles Calum Perkins and Benjamin Francis Torcul, brothers for Lettie *and George*.

TROTMAN - On April 20th, to Jane (née Dalton) and Jonathan, a much loved son, James Jonathan.

WIGODER - On April 12th, to Heather and Justin, a daughter, *Charlotte Abigail* Lucy, a sister for Annabel.

WILSON - On April 25th, at the Worcester Royal Infirmary, to Sally (née de Voil) and Andrew, a daughter, Sophie Louise.

MARRIAGES

COUSENS:KARAIS - The marriage took place on April 25th 1991 at Hackney *Registry Office* between Michael, son of Colonel P.G.L. and the late Mrs Cousens of Newick, Sussex and Honor, eldest daughter of Colonel F.H. Scobie of Mill Cottage, Great Shefford, Berks, and Mrs Goodeth Scobie of Hall Place, Camberley, Surrey.

RUBY ANNIVERSARIES

BELL:COX - On Saturday April 28th 1951 at St Saviour's Church, Deal, Kent, Ron to Brenda, now at Gillingham, Kent. Love and congratulations from the family.

DEATHS

BARBER - On April 25th, peacefully and with dignity, Bryan Lister Barber, M.C., T.D., husband of Sadie and father of Robin and Miles. Service at 12.30 pm Thursday May 2nd at St Richard's Church, Aldwick, followed *by private cremation at* Chichester Crematorium. No flowers, but donations to Leonard Cheshire Foundation, Maunsel Street, London SW1 or H.A.C., Armoury House, London EC2, in gratitude to those who cared.

BECK - On April 25th 1991, suddenly, Baron Rolf, dearly loved husband of Susan and father of Stephen. He will be greatly missed by *family* and friends. Funeral Service at Raydon Church, Hadleigh, Suffolk, on Wednesday May 1st at 12.30 pm. Flowers may be sent to Kingsbury & *Saunders, Hadleigh, Suffolk.*

BEVINGTON SMITH - On April 24th, peacefully, Alan.

CODRINGTON - On April 25th, John Alfred, Lieutenant Colonel Coldstream Guards, aged 92. Private funeral at Hambleton, Thursday May 2nd. Memorial Service in London to be announced later.

FINCH - On Sunday April 14th, tragically on the Isle of Wight, Michael Arthur, aged 44, son of Major J.H. Finch and the late Barbara Finch, husband of Sarah, father of Tom and Anna. Funeral at Christchurch, Totland, Isle of Wight, on Friday May 3rd 1991 at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to *Island Friends of Jubilee* Sailing Trust c/o Eveson Funeral Directors, St Lawrence, Warden Road, Totland, *IOW*.

GLENNIE - On April 26th, Sheila, wife of the late Bill (Alan), mother of James. Service at St Agnes Church, Cawston, Norwich, on Wednesday May 1st at 12 noon.

HOOPER - On April 26th, peacefully, Stanley, *loving* and greatly loved husband of Muriel, devoted *father* of Rachel and Alison, proud grandfather of Richard, Emma, Tom and Robert. One time Vicar of Bexley, Christ Church Woking and Grayshott. No flowers please. Donations in lieu to St Christopher's *Hospice*, 51 Lawrie Park Road, Sydenham, SE26 6DZ. Family cremation. Thanksgiving Service to be arranged.

LAWRENCE - On April 24th, peacefully at home, Evelyn Beatrice, in her 88th year, beloved wife of the *late* N.W. Lawrence. Funeral at St Paul's, Bentley Common, Brentwood, at 12 noon on Tuesday April 30th.

McBRIDE - On April 22nd, peacefully at home, Rella, beloved wife of Francis and loving daughter of Soni Mukerji. Service at Mortlake Crematorium, 11am Monday April 29th.

MILLARD - On April 23rd 1991, Harry Peter, courageously at home. Deeply mourned by all who loved him. Funeral Service at 1.30pm Tuesday April 30th at Holy Trinity Church, Brooke Green, W6. Flowers and donations to J.H. Kenyon, *49 Marloes Road, W8 6LA* tel: (071) 937-0757.

SAUNDERS - On April 26th 1991, at home in Harrogate, aged 58 years, Charles Malcolm Saunders, loved by all his *family*. Service at Christ Church, Harrogate, on Wednesday May 1st at 2.30 pm, followed by interment at Stonefall Cemetery.

SAVAGE - On April 20th 1991, suddenly in Bordeaux, France, Ron, aged 67, of Fulwood (Sheffield), dearly loved husband of Marie, darling daddy of Claire, Charles and Rebecca, very dear father-in-law of Jean-Paul and father-in-law to be of Caroline and a dear brother and brother-in-law. Service at Hutcliffe Wood Crematorium, Sheffield, on *Wednesday May 1st at 10.30* am. No flowers by request please but, if desired, any donations in respect of his memory could be sent for the Save the Children Fund or The Samaritans c/o the funeral directors W. Simpson & Son of 105 Fitzwalter Road, Sheffield S2 2SP. He was much loved and respected by all.

IN MEMORIAM – WAR

H.M.S. PATIA - In memory of those lost in the sinking of the ship 50 years ago. Sunday 27th April 1941.

PHILLIPS - Godfrey, killed in action H.M.S. Patia, April 27th 1941, aged 20, Pilot *Fleet Air Arm R.N.V.R.*, only son of the late Gretta (née Wharton) and Morris Godfrey Phillips (Pilot Royal *Flying Corps, 1914-1918*) and brother of Nena.

IN MEMORIAM – PRIVATE

CHENEVIX TRENCH - Arthur and Dorothy. In ever loving memory.

GLOVER - Lancelot Linwood (Lance). A beloved husband and loving father. Remembered with love on April 28th your birthday, *and every day*. Happiness and togetherness always. Rita and Lynne.

CONGRATULATIONS

NASH - Chris & Keighly. Congratulations on your wedding day. Chapter one ends, chapter *two begins. Good Luck. David.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FRIENDS OF THE ELDERLY

do care for the elderly.

Please be a friend and send a *donation to Sir John Milne* (Chairman)

42 EBURY STREET
LONDON SW1W 0LZ

CHARMING pretty 8yr old with no marrying relations longs to be a bridesmaid. Please help! Box No 3819

FRANCIS GUILFOYLE. Liz Sandeman (nee Gaynor) would like to contact you. Please Reply to Box No 3833.

STUDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

ACCOMMODATION sought in London by Law student. Move Sept/Oct. Phone 0803 615666

AMIGA 500 for sale, hardly used, 3 years Insurance, *Plenty* of software. 081 691 1319

BARNEY. Perhaps the friends would be more of a challenging game. Saul

BETH come out to play with me. Tiger

BTEC Nat. diploma business & finance student reqs career work from July. 0904 *635228*

CADILLAC Seville '79, 32,000m. Extras, only £2,680ono. 0831 469673 or 071 402 8093 (eves)

CAMBRIDGE city centre. 4 bedroom Victorian hse, garden for sale. E Williams 0223 214644

CAMERA: Konica FS1, lens, flashgun, £140 ono. Telephone (0373) 865173 after 6pm

COMPUTING student requires work during summer. Anything considered. Tel: 0604 842721

CONGRATULATIONS to Robert Allan and Melanie Mountford on your engagement from D.P

DUTTON Sierra, Escort base 1986 *MOT* black, vgc. £780. Telephone 0732 366414

ECONOMICS student seeks city job this summer. J Whitaker. *Exeter University EX4 6TQ*

EMMA Catherine, thanks for a lovely year, remember those logs, love Paul

FAMILY accommodation in Newbury sought. Also willing to babysit. Nell 071-538 4674

FRASER, you came too soon yesterday's gone but you're not. Cats

GERMAN speaking stud (f) reqs summer job in Manchengland - bach/Dusseldorf 021 472 8772

GOWER, Wales, self catering, beautiful beaches, slps 5, close Swansea (Uni). 0792 368518

GRATEFUL and eternal thanks to Saint Clare for favors granted. G.R.

IRENE. *Happy* birthday. I love you more than ever. Dee.

JOBS abroad wanted. Start degree Oct '92. 3 Marshall Ave. Bognor, PO21 2TH

KNIGHT John. Happy 21st Birthday 30th April. Love from Helen xxx

LANGUAGES undergrad seeks work London July/Aug. T Cohen, New Hall, Cambridge

LEICA *R5* 28-70mm zoom winder, extra's, £2350-£1650. new Jan 91. 0782 660881

M.I.S. Its been a great two months, many more to come. P.T.L.

MALE yachting crewmember available June-Oct. Mr Haigh. Env. U.E.A. Norwich NR4 7TJ

MATURE male business stud. 23, reqs summer employment. No rubbish please 091 565 0980

MICROWAVE, Moulinex 600w. Good condition. Accept £50. Ring Patrick (081) 202 3861

MOTORCARAVAN Volkswagen Hostler '81 spacemaker roof, vgc. Bary £6200. 0222 842672

NEEDED past Oxford University entrance papers for Physics. As many as possible! 0784 459123

NICOLA, hold my hand, flower child. Lots of love. Ian.

NISSAN Micra SGL, red, 1986. Five gears, excellent condition £2750. 0273 414026

PAIR wooden gates 5' high 4' wide. Excellent condition £45 ono. 0223 263027

PECKHAM —Room to let near station - £50 pw exclusive. Tel: 0494 726291

PIANO Steinmen 5½ yrs. Good condition. Regularly tuned. Telephone: 081 876 1224

RICHARD, the stars are mine tonight. Ama et fac quod vis. Helen x.

SUMMER Job wanted. Econ/comp student - Bradford area. Room G18 081 724 4556

TRINITY Hall May Ball, Cambridge. CB2 1TJ. Applications to P B Harris.

TURNER (Ipswich) - Happy silver wedding anniversary (30th April). Love Paul, Emily, Ben

WELLINGTON desires boarding cake from H Winnicott concludes difficult trans relationship

YARROW. Mum and Dad happy 20th Wedding Anniversary. Love Lucy, James, Paul

1 YEAR placement required by B.A Business Information Systems student: Jas 0482 227801

SERVICES

FLYING CHEF Your own chef in your own kitchen, available for private dinner parties etc. Home tuition also available. Joyce 081-556 1644.

WHEN in London rent a video, TV by day, week, month. Quick delivery Tee TV 071 720 7681.

FOR SALE

TICKETS FOR SALE

When responding to advertisements readers are advised to establish the face value and full details of tickets before entering into any commitment.

WIMBLEDON 91 RUGBY UNION WORLD CUP 91. Corporate hospitality available now inc. all Centre Court Wimbledon 91 (Debenture seats) and all matches in the Rugby Union World Cup including England v New Zealand and the Final. All hospitality includes seated tickets & a superb day out with champagne reception, luncheon, fine wines & liqueurs, afternoon tea, complimentary bar, programme and gift with guest personalities. The ideal way to entertain your valuable clients. For full details phone or write today to International Sports Marketing, 7/11 High Street Kensington, London W8 5NP. Tel: 071 938 3800 Fax: 071 937 2879 HURRY AS PLACES ARE STRICTLY LIMITED

BRITISH OPEN GOLF 1991

Royal Birkdale Southport. July 14th - 21st. 2 luxury homes available to rent. 1 directly opposite course sleeps 7/8 the other 1 mile from course sleeps up to 10.

Further details contact: 0704 67831.

WIMBLEDON

RUGBY Union
Debentures/Tickets
required for corporate clients.
Absolute discretion assured.

Telephone:
071 938 1721
(Office Hours Only).

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

BECHSTEIN Boudoir Grand. Circa 1899. Rosewood. Fully reconditioned. Beautiful tone. £9,500. Tel: 071-277 7212.

ANIMALS & BIRDS

COCKER SPANIEL Puppies, black/white, orange/white, KC reg. £200. Tel: 0727 50486.

OLD SCHOOL TIE

MILTON B.COMM. B.MUSIC (?) Friend of the Late Sir Malcolm Sargeant. Born Liverpool area 1925. Served RN (Writer) in latter half of War, on East Indies Station. Would he or any ex-Grammarschool colleague who have details of his whereabouts or address please contact Alan Brundrett on 061 973 6091. *Please Reply to Box No 5509*

FLATSHARE

CHISWICK W4 By river, single room in shared house, own bathroom, 7 minute walk to BR Waterloo Line. 15 mins to District Line Tube. £90 pw excl. Annette 081-995 6699 (9-5).

CLAPHAM The Chase. Peaceful garden 'Granny Flat', o/rm, o/bth. £80pw. 071-622 0782.

CROUCH END N8 own rm in lge lux flat. All ameni. n/s. Prof. £300pcm. Tel: 081 3481599.

MUSWELL HILL Prof F. N/S. O/R, share lux hse, nr BR/tube. £68pw incl. 081-889 2171.

N16 Beautiful Dbl 2m. own bdrm. log. kit. v. lge luxury hse / gdn. City 10 mins. Prof M / F. £80 pw. View recommended. 081 8066604.

PARSONS GREEN Room in lux mixed hse. *All* ameni, 2 mins tube. suit young prof. £286 pcm. 071 7312662.

SHEPHERDS BUSH double room. £180 pcm. all mod cons. to share with one other. 071 924 1185 all hours.

SOHO Large d/bedr in superb top floor flat. Balcony. All machines. Essential viewing. £125 pw. Tel 071 287 8875.

SOUTHFIELDS. Prof. M/F. Sh. lux hse. lge o/r. 2 Rec. Gdn Nr. Tube & BR. £260 pcm. Tel: 081 874 7749.

W.HAMPSTEAD Prof m/f. n/s. gdn fl. All ameni. Tube 2 mins. £295 pcm inc. 071-372 6057.

CLUBS

BRIDGE: *Play Bridge at St* Johns Wood Bridge Club. Daily afternoon and evening sessions for all standards. Cut-in or partnership games. Our restaurant caters for full meals as well as snacks. Phone for more details 071-286 7466 (After 1pm)

SPORTING BREAKS

SHOOTING: Vacancy in extensive private Cotswold Thursday shoot. Quality and sportsmanship, 7 guns, 12 days, bag 2400. Please Reply to Box No 3806.

FOR THE GARDEN

ARTIFICIAL GRASS for leisure or sports surfaces. For patios, swimming pool surrounds, conservatories, roof gardens, play areas, etc. Easily applied to wood, concrete, asphalt surfaces and old paving. Send for prices, samples, free brochure to: Comark, 14b Cairnmore Street, Oldham, 1L15 6HW. TEL: 0572 813400 (10am - 4pm daily).

RENTALS

ACCOMMODATION Urgently req for City Institutions. Call us with your properties to let. Sebastian Estates 071 381 4998

BARNES Lovely very large sunny 4 bed 2 bath family house, super garden, garage, all mod cons. £2,250 pcm. 081-876 2810.

BARNES Large luxury 2 bed 2 bath riverside penthouse, private parking. £2,400 pcm. 081-876 2810.

BAYSWATER Lux penthouse, 3 dbl beds, 2 bath, lge dbl recep. Newly dec. Fab views. Nr tubes/ park. Furn/ unfurn. £325/£380 pw. 071 221 3461.

EX-DIPLOMAT'S W1/Mayfair lux furn 4 bedrm 2 bath 2 rec gdn Pkg £498pw 071 724 3611

HIGHGATE Woods. Pretty CH 2 rm lux s/c flat. Nr tube, suit n/s couple £110pw. 081-883 0268.

HIGHGATE N6 lux 2 bed flat. American shower, parking. £160pw. 081-340 7408.

KENSINGTON 1½ bed fully equipped serviced flat. CH. large sun terrace, quiet road. Co. let £900pcm 071-284 1744.

KENSINGTON W8. Suit 4 sharers. Recep, 2 bathrooms, k & b. CH. TV. £195 pw. 0722 72639.

LADBROKE SQ. Unique lux dbl studio. Sep k & b. Min 6 months. £200 pw. 071-229 4293.

RENTALS

REGENTS PARK Secure garden flat, just redecorated, 2 beds, study, lounge, kitchen etc. £260 pw incl. CH. 071-486 8422.

ST JOHNS WOOD Furn flat 3 bedrms, recept, kitch/diner, all facilities, quiet rd. Suit overseas *family £300pw 071 289 3267.*

W11 2 Bed architect designed top floor flat, unfurn, £225 pw 081 3922736 (w) 0831 277025 (d)

W1 Quiet mews 1 bed flat, £225 pw. Tel: 081-968 0425.

SITUATIONS VACANT

BUTLER / Experienced driver & Housekeeper / Cook / Nanny. One child, aged 7. Couple to live in at Cheshire country house. Use of car. Separate accommodation. Permanent post. Min. age 30. Previous experience necessary. No outgoings (excl. tel). Circa £7,800 per annum (Approx). Only excellent references need apply. Tel: (0565) 633081. Fax: (0565) 654629.

SITUATIONS WANTED

GARDENERS Highly qualified German couple, looking for min. one year assignment, private or institutional. For further information write to: J Jahns, Sintziger Hof, D-5167 Muddersheim

GERMAN Researcher / Translator, 26 yr old female Graduate, fluent English and French, experience in finance. Legal research and translation seeks new challenge in this position. Please Reply to Box No 3583.

TRUSTEE ACTS

NORMAN PHILIP FREELANDER of 5 Coach Road Astley Manchester died 18th July 1990 particulars to Lipworth and Co Solicitors 25 St John Street Deansgate Manchester M3 4DT before 31st July 1991.

TAIT nee ABRAHAMS GRACE FLORENCE TAIT nee ABRAHAMS Widow Late of: 69 Myrtleside Close Northwood Middlesex Died: At Home. On: 31st October, 1990 (Estate about £198,285). The kin of the above named are requested to apply to MESSR OWEN & COMPANY, SOLICITORS, of 81A High Road Willesden London NW10 2SU.

ULLMANN, KATHLEEN LOUISE *of WEST SIDE RESIDENTIAL* HOME, 106 FOXLEY LANE, PURLEY, SURREY died on 26th SEPTEMBER 1990. Particulars to RAYNER DE WOLFE Solicitors of 31 SOUTHAMPTON ROW, LONDON WC1B 5HJ before 28th June 1991.

TRUSTEE ACTS

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to s27 of the TRUSTEE Act, 1925 that any person having a CLAIM against or an INTEREST in the ESTATE of any of the deceased person's whose names, addresses and descriptions are set out below is hereby required to send particulars in writing of his claim or interest to the person or persons mentioned in relation to the deceased person concerned before the date specified: after which date the estate of the deceased will be distributed by the personal representatives among the persons entitled thereto having regard only to the claims and interests of which they have had notice.

LANDY, Ronald, 1 Whelstone Court Whelstone Close Welwyn, Herts, AL6 0QY died 7th September 1990. Particulars to: Nathan Venerof & Co., Solicitors, Premier House, 112 Station Road, Edgware, Middlesex HA8 7AQ before 28th June 1991.

SECTION 27 TRUSTEE ACT 1925
RE: JAMES WILLIAM CLOSE DECEASED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all creditors and others having claims against or claiming to be beneficially interested in the estate of James William Close late of Willowbrook, Bridge Paddock, Collingham, Leeds, West Yorkshire and also of Newhaven, Heath, North Yorkshire who died on the 14th day of March 1991 are hereby required to send particulars thereof in writing to the undersigned Solicitors on or before the 1st day of August 1991 after which date the said Executors will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased among the persons entitled thereto having regard only to the claims of which they then have had notice and will not be liable for the assets of the deceased or any part thereof so distributed to any person or persons of whose claims or demands they then have not had notice.

Dated this 19th day of April 1991
Willan & Johnson,
22 Market Place,
Leyburn,
North Yorkshire, DL8 5AS
Solicitors for the Executors

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We fund one third of all research into the prevention and cure of cancer in the UK.

Help us by sending a donation or making a legacy to: (Dept T127/04) 2 Carlton Hse Terrace, London SW1Y 5AR.

Cancer Research Campaign

Fighting cancer on all fronts.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WHERE TO MEET WITTY, CHARMING AND INTELLIGENT PEOPLE

An advertisement in the Saturday Rendezvous section puts you in touch with nearly 1.1 million like minded Times readers.

At only £5.50 per line plus VAT, (Box No. £10+VAT) there's no better way of widening your social circle, so fill in the coupon below, minimum 3 lines.

Source: NRS Jan-Dec 1990

THE TIMES

Write your advertisement below (approximately 28 characters per line including spaces and punctuation). Minimum 3 lines. £5.50 per line plus VAT.

Longer advertisements requiring additional lines cost an extra £6.46 inclusive of VAT and must also be pre-paid.

NAME ______

ADDRESS ______

Telephone (daytime) ______ Signature ______

No advertisements can be accepted under these special terms unless pre-paid. Cheques should be made payable to Times Newspapers Limited or debit my:

ACCESS ☐ VISA ☐ AMEX ☐ DINERS ☐ (Tick box)

CARD No: ☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐ Expiry Date ______

This offer is open to private advertisers only. Trade advertisements will appear subject to the normal rates and conditions. Send to: Simon Goddard, Advertisement Manager, The Times, News International Ltd, P.O. Box 484 Virginia Street, London E1 9BL.

P27/04

Telephone 071-481 4000 or Fax 071-481 9313 or 071-782 7828.

PUBLIC NOTICES

ENERGY SUPPLY CONTRACTS LIMITED

Take notice that Energy Supply Contracts Ltd. has applied for a Private Electricity Supply Licence in the following terms:

1. Full name of the applicant: Energy Supply Contracts Limited

2. Address of the applicant or, in the case of a body corporate, the registered or principal office: 20 St. Dunstan's Hill, London EC3R 8LQ

3. Where the applicant is a company, the full names of the current Directors and the company's registered number: Edwyn Charles Cumberland, Martin George Wood, Peter James Savage. Registration No. 172268.

4. Where a holding of 20 per cent or more of the shares of an applicant is held by a body corporate or partnership or an unincorporated association carrying on a trade or business with or without a view to profit: the name and address of the holder of such shares shall be provided: Harrisons & Crosfield Plc. 20 St. Dunstan's Hill, London EC3 8LQ.

5. Desired date from which the licence is to take effect: 1st June 1991.

6. A sufficient description adequately specifying the nature and situation of the premises intended to be supplied, separately identifying premises within the power bands specified in and to the extent provided by paragraph 7 below:- All non domestic premises with demands over 1MW in the following P.E.S. areas.

Northern Electric Plc	Yorkshire Electricity Group Plc
NORWEB Plc	East Midlands Electricity Plc
MANWEB Plc	Eastern Electricity Plc
Midlands Electricity Plc	London Electricity Plc
South Wales Electricity Plc	Seeboard Plc
South Western Electricity Plc	Scottish Hydro Electric Plc
Southern Electric Plc	Scottish Power Plc

7. (a) Subject to sub-paragraph (b) indicate the total number of premises intended to be supplied in each power band as shown in the table below, together with the aggregate energy forecast to be supplied and the aggregate estimated maximum demand for each power band.

(b) If the date in paragraph 5 above is on or after 1st April 1994 then only Power band A shall be completed and if the said date is on or after 1st April 1998 then this paragraph shall cease to have effect.

Power Band	Number of Premises	Aggregate maximum demand	Energy to be Supplied
(A) Not exceeding 0.1 MW	NONE	NONE	NONE
(B) Exceeding 0.1 MW but not exceeding 1.0 MW	NONE	NONE	NONE

8. A description of the system of electric lines and electrical plant by means of which the applicant intends to supply electricity, indicating which plant and lines are to be constructed and which are existing plant and lines, and further identifying any parts of that system which will not be owned by or otherwise in the possession or control of the applicant: All lines and plant owned by:-

Northern Electric Plc	Yorkshire Electricity Group Plc
NORWEB Plc	East Midlands Electricity Plc
MANWEB Plc	Eastern Electricity Plc
Midlands Electricity Plc	London Electricity Plc
South Wales Electricity Plc	Seeboard Plc
South Western Electricity Plc	Scottish Hydro Electric Plc
Southern Electric Plc	Scottish Power Plc
	National Grid Company Plc

9. A statement of the extent (if any) to which the applicant considers it necessary for powers under Schedule 3 (compulsory acquisition of land etc.) and under Schedule 4 (other powers etc.) to the Act to be given through the licence for which he is applying: All powers of acquisition of land etc. and all other powers available under schedules 3 and 4 to the act necessary to carry out activities under licence as a supplier of electricity within the areas defined.

10. Details of any licences held, applied for or being applied for by the applicant in respect of the generation, transmission or supply of electricity: None

Copies of maps relevant to this application has been lodged in accordance with Regulation 6 of the Electricity (Applications for Licences and Extentions of Licences) Regulations 1990 at the South Wales Regional Offices of the Office of Electricity Regulation. Copies are available for inspection by the public between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. on any working day.

E.C. Cumberland, Director of Energy Supply Contracts Ltd. of 20 St. Dunstan's Hill, London EC3R 8LQ.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 20

DUTCHMAN
(c) Insertion to hide a bad fitting: "He mended the marble lion by cutting recesses several inches deep wherever the stone was damaged, and fitting new pieces of stone therein. These pieces are known in the trade as dutchmen."

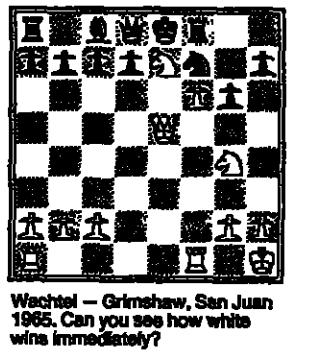
FROE
(a) A wedge-shaped tool used for cleaving staves, shingles, etc. It has a handle in the plane of the blade, set at right angles to the back, from *froward* turned away: "*With froe in one hand and* mallet in the other."

AMPHISCIANS
(a) Inhabitants of the torrid zone, whose shadows at one time of the year fall northward, at another southward, from the Greek *amphi* on both sides + *skia* a shadow: The wandering amphiscii, whose singular state/ Made sceptics to question the wisdom of Fate."

MUDDER
(a) *A horse that runs well on a muddy racecourse:* "Will-o'-the-Wisp in the fifth at Hialeah. He's a mudder. It rained all last night at Hialeah."

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent



Wachtel — Grimshaw, San Juan 1965. Can you see how white wins immediately?

Send your answer on a postcard with your name and address to: *The Times*, 1 Pennington Street, London E1 9XN. The first three correct answers drawn on Thursday next week will win a *Times* wallet-sized personal chess computer. The answer and the winners will be printed in *The Times* next week.

Solution (April 20): 1 Re4. The winners are: S. Lisseter, Surrey; L. Hudson, Cheltenham; E. Heard, Cardiff.

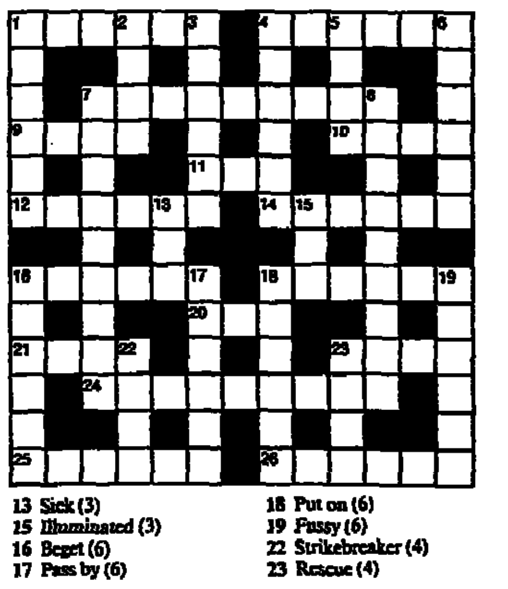
To Place Your Classified Advertisement

Please telephone the number listed below between 9am and 6pm
Monday to Friday (late evening 7.30 pm on Thursday or
between 9.30am and 12.30pm on Saturdays).
Alternatively fax your advertisement to 071 782 7828/071 481 9313

Private	071-481 4000
Trade Advertisers:	
Appointments	071-481 4481
Birth, Marriage and Death Notices	071-481 4000
Business to Business	071-481 1982
International Advertisers	071-481 3024
Motors	071-481 4422
Personal	071-481 1920
Property	071-481 1986
Public Appts & Education	071-481 1066
Travel	071-481 1989
U.K. Holidays	071-488 3698

Birth and Death notices may be accepted over the telephone.
For publication the following day please telephone by 5.00pm
Monday - Thursday
4.00pm Friday, 9.00 am-12.30pm Saturday for Monday's paper.
Marriage notices not appearing on the Court & Social Page
may also be accepted by telephone.

CONCISE CROSSWORD NO 2469



ACROSS
- 1 Geese group (6)
- 4 Rail bypass (6)
- 7 1,000 year cycles (9)
- 9 Cloak top (4)
- 10 Bung (4)
- 11 Old French coin (3)
- 12 Rewrite again (2-4)
- 14 Predicament (6)
- 16 Pointless (6)
- 18 Flower male stalk (6)
- 20 Auction item (3)
- 21 This way (4)
- 23 Kiss and cuddle (4)
- 24 Fall guy (9)
- 25 Stone fragments (6)
- 26 Elaborate (6)

DOWN
- 1 Accumulate (6)
- 2 Squares set (4)
- 3 Join up (6)
- 4 Parody (4,2)
- 5 Weakling (4)
- 6 Contrivance (6)
- 7 Historic (9)
- 8 Straight arrangement (9)
- 13 Sick (3)
- 15 Illuminated (3)
- 16 Beget (6)
- 17 Pass by (6)
- 18 Put on (6)
- 19 Fussy (6)
- 22 Strikebreaker (4)
- 23 Rescue (4)

SOLUTION TO NO 2468
ACROSS: 1 Flabby 4 Nausea 9 Retinue 10 Draft 11 Rink 12 Platform 14 Search warrant 16 Roulette 18 Bald 20 Idiom 21 Neutral 23 Trendy 24 Shamed
DOWN: 1 For 2 Antenna 3 Bank 5 Auditors 6 Shako 7 Attempted 8 Yellowstone 11 Restraint 13 Screamed 15 Anagram 17 Unite 19 Push 22 Lod

APRIL 27 ON THIS DAY 1882

Charles Darwin's funeral brought together "leaders of men and leaders of thought" to do him honour. A vivid picture of the young Darwin is given in the charming letter to The Times *written by an old shipmate in the Beagle, Admiral Stokes.*

◆

THE FUNERAL OF MR. DARWIN

The mortal remains of Charles Robert Darwin were interred in the Abbey at Westminster yesterday with marks of respect due to one whose name has been for many years familiar as a household word to his countrymen, and whose works have shed so much distinction upon English science. The coffin containing the body was brought to the Abbey late on the previous evening and borne through the cloisters, Mr. Darwin's five sons following, into the Chapel of St. Faith. This is a portion of the Abbey little known to casual visitors.

Soon after 11 in the morning those who were to follow the body as mourners began to assemble in the Chapter House. The Embassies of France, Germany, Italy, and Spain were represented.

At about 20 minutes to 12 the body was brought out of the Chapel of St. Faith, through the Chapter-house vestibule, into the west cloister, and the procession was formed. The coffin was covered with a black velvet pall edged with white silk. On it were laid many wreaths of beautiful white flowers. Proceeding slowly along the south cloister those heading the procession were met at the west entrance by members of the family. Within the Abbey a large congregation was assembled.

The body was later removed to the grave, which is at the north-east corner of the nave next to that of Sir John Herschell, Dr. Bridge playing first Beethoven's Funeral March and then a more plaintive march by Franz Schubert in B minor, while the mourners proceeded to the grave, and the rest of the service was impressively read by Canon Prothero, the choir singing their part to Croft and Purcell's music. Near the grave and just beneath the monument to Sir Isaac Newton stood a remarkable and representative crowd of distinguished men, such as only an occasion of deep and general interest would bring together. Leaders of men and leaders of thought; political opponents, scientific co-workers; eminent discoverers, and practitioners of the arts. To name only a few as representative, there were Lord Spencer, President of the Council, the Marquis of Salisbury, Viscount Sherbrooke, Sir William Jenner, Sir Stafford Northcote, Sir Charles Dilke and Mr. Moncure D. Conway. The anthem by Handel, "His body is buried in peace, but his name liveth evermore," was sung, and the senior Canon having pronounced the Benediction, the mourners left and the public were then allowed to pass round the grave. The inscription on the plate of the white, unpolished oak coffin read, "Charles Robert Darwin. Born February 12, 1809. Died April 19th, 1882."

TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES

Sir, – May I beg a corner for my feeble testimony to the marvellous persevering endurance in the cause of science of that great naturalist, my old and lost friend, Mr. Charles Darwin, whose remains are so very justly to be honoured with a resting-place in Westminster Abbey?

Perhaps no one can better testify to his early and most trying labours than myself. We worked together for several years at the same table in the poop cabin of the Beagle during her celebrated voyage, he with his microscope and myself at the charts. It was often a very lively end of the little craft, and distressingly so to my old friend, who suffered greatly from sea-sickness. After, perhaps, an hour's work he would say to me, "Old fellow, I must take the *horizontal for it*," that being the best relief position from ship motion; a stretch out on one side of the table for some time would enable him to resume his labours for awhile, when he had again to lie down. It was distressing to witness this early sacrifice of Mr. Darwin's health, who ever afterwards seriously felt the ill-effects of the Beagle's voyage.

I am, Sir, yours truly,
J. LORT STOKES, Admiral.
Scotchwell, Pembrokeshire, April 25.

Sovereign's Parade, Sandhurst

The Queen was present at the Sovereign's Parade at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst on April 12.

The following have been granted commissions in the regiments and corps shown, having successfully completed standard military course no 902. The Sword of Honour was won by P. R. Handley-Greaves, and The Queen's Medal was won by R. K. Orr.

P Allanach, SSC. RRF: *GI Avery*, Reg C. LI: WK Baril, SSC. RAMC: PG Barker, SSC. A and SH: PN Barry, Reg C. RE: EWT Beck, SSC. RCT: RC Brearey, SSC. DWR: SJ Broadhurst, SSC. RE: PVE Calvert, SSC. RCT: DR Carroll, SSC. AAC: NS Carson, SSC. RE: RJ Christopher, Reg C. RA: JAD Clark, SSC. RGJ: IM Cotober, Reg C. RA: CA Conner, Reg C. RRF: BGA Cookson, Reg C. RTR: RM Cornish, SSC. RHF: TME Craven, SSC. RA: MJ Day, SSC. RA.

MJD Dixon, Reg C. PA: B Down, Reg C. R Anglian: GA Dunn, SSC. RE: GK Dunnagan, SSC. Int Corps: RJW Durrant, SSC. WFR: JS Easterbrook, SSC. RA: N Edrich, Reg C. RE: C Elsegood, Reg C. RCT: AJ Fitzpatrick, SSC. RHF: KL Frankland, SSC. RCT: MD Fuller, SSC. RE: SJ Fyfe, Reg C. RAOC: DM Gartland, SSC. QLR: SG Grant, Reg C. RA: RSF Greene, SSC. RE: JA Griffiths, SSC. RHF: CW Grimble, SSC. QRIH: PR Handley-Greaves, SSC. RMP: SDN Harris, SSC. QRIH: RL Harvey, SSC. WG: RM Hayhurst, Reg C. RA: RPB Herbert, SSC. SG: RM Heward, Reg C. RAPC: SR Hodges, SSC. Coldm Gds: RS Horrocks, SSC. RWF: MER Hovell, SSC. RS: APW Howard, Reg C. 6 GR: JP Jordan, SSC. Glosters: AB Jowett, GREN GDS: D Kelly, SSC. R Irish: AP Kennedy, Reg C. Kings Own Border: MD Ledwards, Reg C. CDG: RC Lester-Smith, SSC. LG: GR Lobb, SSC. RE (PCS): R Lockwood, SSC. PWO: NS Ledwig, SSC. RCT: DC Maxwell, SSC. RA: TEQ Moon, SSC. 15/19 H: PN Mooney, Reg C. RA: NE Moore, Reg C. REME: R Murray, SSC. RAMC: AJM MacIntyre, SSC. A and SH: S McClure, SSC. UDR: N Newlands, SSC. RAOC: MP Ogilvie, SSC. KOSB: RK Orr, Reg C. R Signals: SM Parkinson, SSC. QDG: JRC Paterson, Reg C. RAOC: EC Reynolds, Reg C. R Anglian: JAD Richards, SSC. RA: JPC Robinson, SSC. RRF: FJ Ross, SSC. RE: PHS Rothwell, SSC. Green Howards: SC Russell, SSC. R Anglian: RE Sangster, SSC. RCT: WA Scarratt, SSC. AAC: EP Scaton, SSC. Queens: ABT Sloan, SSC. RA: B Smith, Reg C. RE: MJ Smith, Reg C. R Signals: PD Smith, Reg C. REME: AJ Stanton, SSC. RCT: GK Steel, SSC. RE: IJ Stirling-Stainsby, Reg C. RE: G Strickland, SSC. 9/12L: MA Sullivan, SSC. RE.

JD Tedder, SSC. RMP: AJ Thomas, SSC. RWF: RD Thompson, Reg C. RAOC: IM Thompson, SSC. 16/5L: P Thomson, SSC. RA: *DM Thorpe*, Reg C. REME: OG Turvey, SSC. RE: RBL Wallace, SSC. SG: AJC Welch, Reg C. RAOC: RF Whelan, Reg C. R Signals: CJ Whitehead, SSC. R Signals: RSB Whiteledge, SSC. RE: SJ Whitlock, SSC RE: DT Wilson, Reg C. R Signals: EK Wilson, Reg C. KO: JH Wilson, SSC. RGJ: JM Wood, SSC. RCT: A Yates, SSC. RPC: JAJ Yeldham, SSC. RGJ: LD Young, SSC. R Hamps.

The following have been granted commissions, or have had their probationary commissions *confirmed in the* Regiments and Corps shown, having successfully completed Standard Graduate Course No 903. The Graduate Sword of Honour was won by *H.A.B.* Holt.

MS Agnew, SSC. RHF: DA Alhon, SSC. RCT: PF Allen, SSC. D and D: RA Alltree-Reid, SSC. LI: DP Amison, SSC. RAEC: MKR Anderson, SSC. RA: CN Ardley, SSC. RAEC: M Arkell, SSC. Glosters: ME Ashworth, SSC. PARA: AS Atkinson, Reg C. REME: RH Ayliffe, SSC. PARA: JD Bagshaw, Reg C. COLDM GDS: CJ Baines, Reg C. Green Howards: MJ Barker, SSC. RHF: RG Beaumont, Reg C. RE: CW Bell, Reg C. REME: S Bennett, SSC. D and D: NPF Bercham, SSC. RH: DT Betteridge, SSC. RE: JU Biggart, SSC. Scots DG: JC Bladon, SSC. RA: GJ Blair, SSC. AAC: RT Blake, SSC. RCT: PC Boldery-Jensen, SSC. 4/7 DG: NRM Borton, S Reg RF: AD Boyle, Reg C. RE: AJ Brown, SSC. RA: SJR Browne, SSC. R Anglian.

NC Carrell, Reg C. LG: ATG Cash, Reg C. AAC: CG Cather, SSC. R Irish: AD Cattro, SSC. R Signals: EJR Chamberlain, Reg C. LI: AG Champion, SSC. RRF: KAB Child, S Reg RAEC: AHR Chrisp, Reg C. 15/19 H: GS Close, SSC. WG: ML Coleman, SSC. REME: FF Colquhoun, Reg C. RE: AJ Cottart, Reg C. RE: SPD Colyer, Reg C. RA: MJ Conway, Reg C. RRW: CE Coode, Reg C. AAC: LP Craddock, Reg C. RE: PM Croager, SSC. REME: RJA Crossman, SSC. R Irish: JCK Cumberledge, SSC. DWR: GB Cunningham, Reg C. RCT: PM Daly, Reg C. R Irish: PRA Darroch, SSC. RE: JF Dart, SSC. 16/5L: TCN Davey, SSC. RA: CG Day, SSC. RA: GA Deakin, SSC. 13/18 H: RH Dean, SSC. 15/19H: SG Dewhurst, SSC. QOH: MD Dickinson, Reg C. RE: PG Dimot, Reg C. AAC: PJ Edmond, Reg C. REME: PA Ellis, SSC. Kings Own Border: MJF Ewing, Reg C. BW: MC Fawcett, SSC. *Glosters:* AJ Ferenczy, C Reg. Int Corps: RJ Ferguson, SSC. SG: WJD Fooks, SSC. 9/12 L: AJR Ford, SSC. 9/12 L.

RH de Gale, SSC. AAC: RM Garbutt, Reg C. REME: DJ Gardiner, Glasgow Acad. Edinburgh univ. SSC. BW: DC Gaul, SSC. R Signals: WD Glen, SSC. SG: AD Godfrey, SSC. AAC: DJ Gorton, Reg C. Int Corps: WPR Gay, Reg C. R Irish: MED Hargan, SSC. RTR: MA Harrison, SRC. RCT: JI Hartley, Reg C. D and D: RJS Heard, SSC. R Irish: WN Hellewell, Reg C. Green Howards: SSC. Para: SG Haywood, SSC. Para: HAB Holt, Reg C. KI: MJR Hopkinson, reg C. QO Hldrs: A Hopkinson, SSC. AAC: AP Houldsworth, SSC. REME: AG Howard, Reg C. RE: JA Howell, SSC. BW: N Ilic, SSC. LI: IJ Ince, SSC. RE: WJ Inglis, SSC. SG: NAW Ironside, SSC. Para: AFR James, Reg C. GREN GDS: MT Jaffers, Reg C. LI: TP Johnson, SSC. BW: TJS Joll, Reg C. RGJ: RTH Jones, Reg C. D and D: HW Jones, Reg C. RCT: DJS Juxon, SSC. AAC: *AB Kaley*, Reg C. Reme: AJ Kelly, SSC. Green Howards: MRC Kennedy, SSC. RA: DV Kesby, Reg C. Para: SP Knocker, Reg C. Green Howards: RWE Ladds, SSC. Glosters: OD Leahy, Reg C. Queens: JG Lignten, Reg C. QLR: SG Lloyd-Davis, Reg C. Queens: AM Lane, SSC. Para: JA Mackenzie, SSC. Green Howards: SC Mann, SSC. *RA: K Mannings*, SSC. R Signals: OR Marsh, Reg C. LI: FC Marshall, SSC. LG: AF May, SSC. RE: JH Merritt, Reg C. R Signals: SRA Miles, Reg C. GREN Gds: RGC Misselbrook, SSC. AAC: AP Mitchell, SSC. REME: PD Morris, SSC. R Anglian: MD Mortimer, SSC. LI: GL Muir, SSC. Gordons: DG Myroddin-Evans, SSC. Coldm Gds: JG MacDonald-Smith, SSC. 18/18 H. JA McDermott, SSC. GREN GDS: GC McLeod, Reg C. 6GR.

IJ O'Bryan, SSC. LI: RC O'Connor, SSC. DWR: IA Orr, SSC. 15/19 H: JBG Ovenden, SSC. Kings CBH Parry, SSC. RA: J Paul, SSC. RE: RJ Pearce, SSC. 14/20 H: SR Pearson, Reg C. *REME:* BW Pettit, SSC. R Anglian: MB Prendegast, SSC. RRW: MTI Priest, SSC. DWR: RJ Pye, SSC. RE: MB Reece, SSC. WG: TJ Richardson, Reg C. QUEENS: TP Robinson, SSC. 9/12 L: LR Saunders, Reg C. REME: RA Scott-Dempster, Reg C. BW: DR Sellers, SSC. RAOC: JF Shepard, SSC. RAEC: DJ Shillingford, Reg C. RA: JMN Smith, SSC. RE.

RM Smith, SSC. RA: RE Smith, SSC. 10GR: NA Spence, Reg C. RA: P Steamson, Reg C. RRF: JE Swetenham, Reg C. SCOTS DG: PJ Sykes, Reg C. RGJ: AN Szabo, Reg C. RE: AJ Teskey, Reg C. REME: PM Tetlow, Reg C. LI: PM Thompson, Reg C. KOSB: ME Thornton, Reg C. LI: JL Trustram Eve, SSC. RGJ: TG Vallings, Reg C. DWR: PA Vickers, SSC. RE: AD Vowe, Reg C. RE: PR Waghorn, SSC. RE: GPF Watson, Reg C. RRW: HJP Wildman, SSC. RA: RJW Williams, SSC. RGJ: WH Williams-Bulkeley, Reg C. WG: NJ Willis, Reg C. RH: GW Wilson Fitzgerald, SSC. RHG/D: MJ Winstanley, Reg C. LI: PW Wood, SSC. PARA: MD Wood, Reg C. R Signals: JA York, Reg C. R Anglian: NA Young, SSC. RE: RW Young, SSC. 4/7 BG.

The following have successfully completed women's standard course no 903 and have been granted commissions or had their probationary commissions confirmed in the regiments or corps shown. The Sash of Honour was won by L.E. Callow.

H Andrews, Reg C. REME: LO Ashley, SSC. RMP: JC Ayles, SSC. RAPC: KA Baxter, SSC. WRAC: RK Bloor, SSC. RE: SJ Calder, SSC. ACC: *LE Callow*, Reg C. WRAC: M Claridge, SSC. RAEC: LR Dickson, SSC. WRAC: JC England, SSC. RCT: CORPS: L Farmer, SSC. RAEC: CH Fearn, SSC. RAEC: SM Forrest, Reg C. RAEC: LJ Hamlin, Reg C. RE: PJ Hancock, SSC. REME: J Hart, SSC. WRAC: SJ Holmes, Reg C. RAEC.

LI Jones, SSC. WRAC: FJ Magee, SSC. RAEC: ML Miranda de Carvalho, SSC. RCT: C Morcom, SSC. R Signals: J Mounser, SSC. WRAC: GA Murray, SSC. WRAC: JB Orpin, Reg C. RAEC: J Palmer, SSC. R Signals: FS Pennell, SSC. WRAC: DA Poneskis, SSC. RAEC: SV Roberts, SSC. WRAC: J Smith, Reg C. RAPC: SA Summersgill, SSC. RCT: NJ Tinkey, White, SSC. REME: RA Tingey, Reg C. RAOC: J Weatherill, SSC. RAEC: JH Whitticase, SSC. RCT: SJ Wigglesworth, SSC. RA: M Young, SSC. WRAC.

The following overseas cadets also passed out with a view to being commissioned in the Armed Forces of their countries. The winner of the Overseas Cane was Lim Tien Hock.

Salah Khalifa Abdullah Al Sada, Bahrain; Anthony Thomas Smiley, Belize; Edd Peter Usher, Belize; Bonolo Simon Dikwa, Botswana; Tulkoro Vuli Kolinisau, Fiji; Mario George Alman, Gibraltar; John Christopher Perez, Gibraltar; Alfred Victor Kuyenda, Malawi; Anuar Bin Abdul Wahab, Malaysia; Ahmed Shakir, Maldives; Francisco Jose Jacob, Mozambique; Ernesto Gerente Macamo, Mozambique; Malik Hamed Al Busaidi, Oman; Juma Said Lamaa Al Hussaini, Oman (R GD; Ahmed Abdullah Al Sheikh, Saudi (Army); Lim Tien Hock, Singapore; Tang Wineam, Singapore; Mussie Alfred Machange, Tanzania; Shirvan A P S Toyne-Stephenson, Trinidad & Tobago; Yaqoob Yousef Mohammed Al Johari, UAE (Abu Dhabi); Francis Tapera, Zimbabwe.

The Aire and its graces

Can canalside living become covetable in Leeds? **Peter Davenport** reports on a plan to make muddy waterways a sparkling success

As Bernie Guest steered his 45ft, 14-ton narrowboat tug, Brighouse Nan, out into the murky waters of the Aire and Calder Navigation canal in the centre of Leeds, he had to admit that life along the waterway was changing fast. Where once had stood derelict warehouses and dirty coal wharfs, developers' cranes now tower over architects' offices in gleaming glass and scrubbed brick, waterside homes, hotels, soon-to-be-chic restaurants and the new headquarters of a supermarket chain.

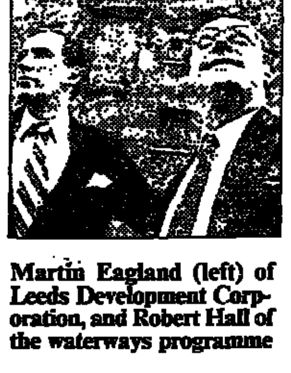
In the middle of the last century, the city was an important inland port. A network of waterways formed an essential artery for raw materials and finished products, and a range of waterside brothels and a seamen's mission reinforced the illusion that this was a bustling seaport, although it is more than 70 miles from the nearest ocean.

The expansion of the railways and the coming of the motor vehicle heralded the end of the pivotal role of rivers and canals in the economic life of the north of England, and many urban waterways were allowed to fester, hidden from view at the end of back alleys.

Today, in the drive to regenerate depressed areas of our inner cities, the presence of water, even the most sluggish and muddy canal, is seen as a potential asset by architects and developers. Waterside buildings used to turn their backs on urban canals and rivers, and present their smartest face towards the city centre. Now addresses with a view of the water are smart and desirable.

The workaday water network is made up of the Leeds and Liverpool Canal, the industrial river Aire and the Aire and Calder Navigation. On such modest foundations, the changes already achieved are significant, but plans for the future are ambitious.

The aim is to make the waterways a centre for tourism and leisure, for both visitors and citizens, and to promote development opportunities and attract further investment to build on the city's newly established reputation as a leading financial and services centre. Next Tuesday, the Leeds Waterways Tourism Development Action programme, a three-year scheme with a budget of more than £500,000, will be launched to achieve the transformation. It is being funded by British Waterways, the English Tourist Board, the Yorkshire and Humberside Tourism Board, Leeds city council, and the Leeds Development Corporation, with contributions from the private sector. Called "Building bridges across Leeds for tourism and leisure", it will develop a marketing plan for almost five miles of waterways, from the 17 miles of rivers and canals that run through the city, to stimulate commercial interest in further development.


Martin Eagland (left) of Leeds Development Corporation, and Robert Hall of the waterways programme

A key element will be new walkways along the banks and the building of up to six new bridges. Public access to the waterside is a condition of planning consent wherever possible, and the quality of the water is being improved.

Eric Cowin, of the city's urban development unit, says: "We do not expect that people will cancel their holiday in Cornwall for a fortnight on the canals in Leeds, but there is a lot of potential in the short-breaks market."

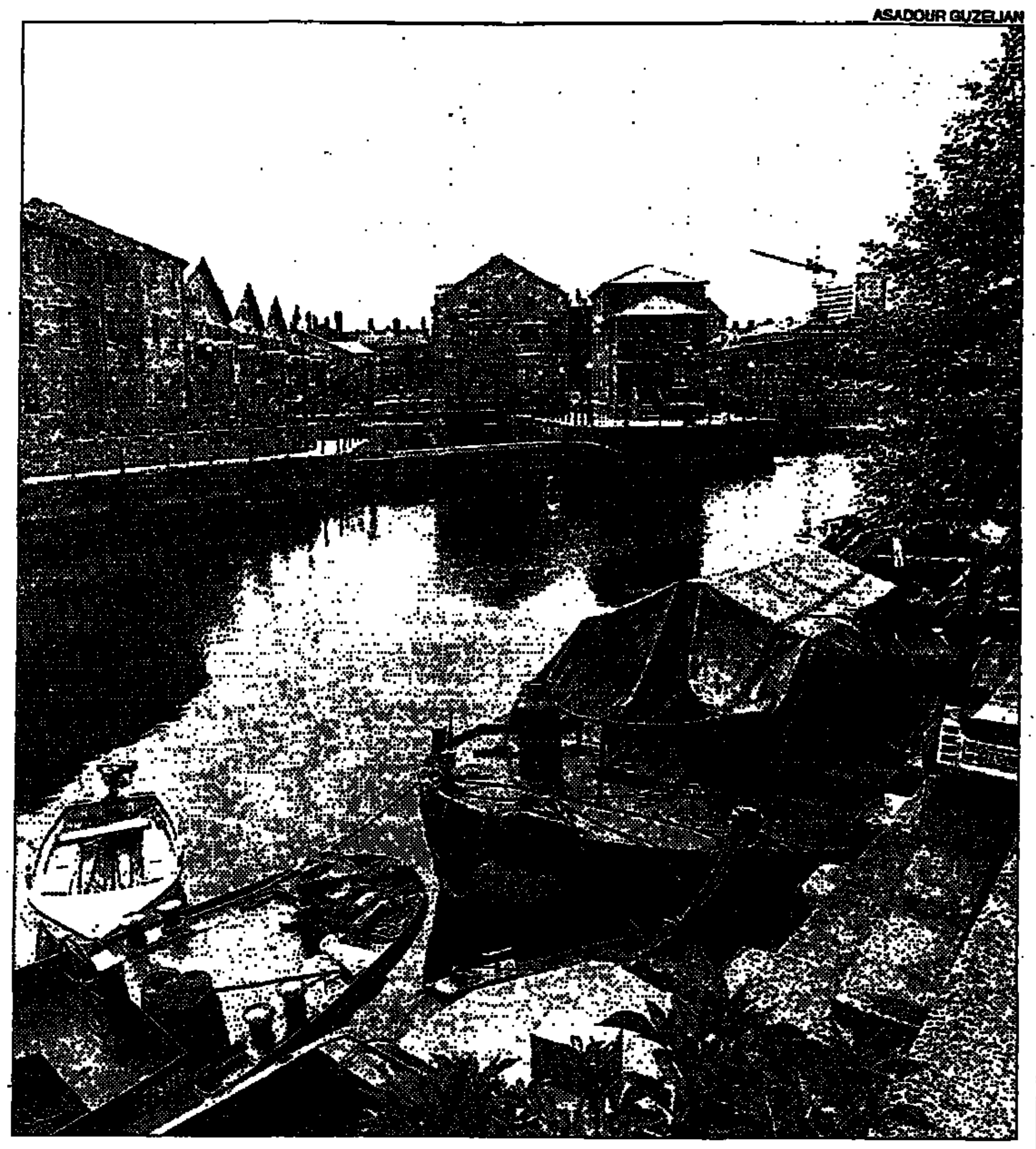
On board the Brighouse Nan were two men with an important role in turning the ambitions into reality: Robert Hall, the director of the waterways programme, and Martin Eagland, the chief executive of Leeds Development Corporation, which was set up by the government in 1988 with a five-year remit to regenerate nearly 1,400 acres of south central Leeds and the Kirkstall valley.

Mr Eagland says that although only about 20-30 per cent of the potential development of the waterways is under way, this has already brought new life and vigour to sections of the canals. Up to 500 people have made their homes in waterside developments.

Mr Hall, who formerly worked as a project manager on the Jorvik Viking Centre in York, says: "In the past, the canals have formed a sort of barrier in city life, with the more prosperous areas to the north and the older, more industrialised sector to the south, but their regeneration holds out great benefits for the whole city."

Below an office development, a pair of kingfishers have made their home. Perhaps this is an indication that the plans for this once unlovely stretch of urban waterway are not mere flights of fancy.

ASADOUR GUZELIAN


From planners' vision to vista: along the river Aire, new homes are already replacing derelict buildings

Events in town

THIS WEEKEND

☐ **Tyburn walk:** Annual silent procession to Tyburn Convent, and the stone where the Tyburn tree once stood, to commemorate the Catholic martyrs who trod the same route from Newgate jail.
Meet Holy Sepulchre Church, Old Bailey, tomorrow 3pm.

☐ **Fun weekend:** The 150th anniversary celebrations of the birth of J.P. Holland, who designed the first British submarine — recovered off Portsmouth in 1982. Entertainments include Irish music and dancing, a silver band concert, clowns and fire-eaters.
Royal Navy Submarine Museum, Gosport, Hants (0705 529217). Today, tomorrow 10am-5pm, £3, child £2.

☐ **Canoeing:** Master the basics on the calm waters of the river Stort with the Bishop's Stortford canoe club. Equipment provided.
Meet opposite the Old Bull's Head public house, London Road, Bishop's Stortford, Herts, today before 2pm, £1.

☐ **Gymnastics:** Nine counties compete in the *Daily Mirror* championships today, and 25 gymnasts take part in the Weetabix championship tomorrow.
National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham, (071 780 4133). Today, tomorrow from 2pm; today £4.50-£6.50, tomorrow £5.

☐ **Community purpose day:** Abasindi drummers, poetry, youth choir, traditional religious music, steel and rock bands and an exhibition of works of art by Sudanese and Nigerians.
NIA Centre for African and Caribbean Cuture, Manchester. Tomorrow 2-7pm; £2.50, child £1.50.

NEXT WEEK

☐ **F.H.K. Henrion — 1914-1990:** Exhibition of work by a leading poster designer.
Design Museum, Butler's Wharf, London SE1 (071-403 6933). Tues until June 23. Tues-Sun 11.30am-6.30pm; £3, child £2.

☐ **Swansea Astronomical Society exhibition:** Rock from the Apollo moon mission, telescopes, models.
Swansea Museum, Swansea (0792 653763). Tues until late May: Tues-Sat 10.30am-5.30pm; closed Sun and Mon; 30p.

JUDY FROSHAUG

Help: Joan Phelan and Patricia Glennie, conservatory gardeners

Green fingers move indoors

The large conservatory behind Dr Joan Phelan's house in Chiswick, west London, is suffering from overcrowding. Beside the lemons, the mimosa, the ipomoea and brunfelsia she has planted for herself, there are hundreds of plants being readied for next month's Chelsea Flower Show.

Last October, Dr Phelan and her daughter Patricia Glennie, a barrister, launched a company called Conservatory Gardens. They are both trained garden designers and discovered that, although conservatories are at their most popular since the Victorian era, most garden centres have neither the expertise nor the plants that they require. The company aims to fill this gap.

Dr Phelan read natural sciences and plant physiology at Cambridge and after a career in research and teaching botany and molecular biology decided to indulge her love of gardening. She enrolled for a year at the College of Garden Design and during her course discovered that there were few specialist conservatory gardeners.

The warm, damp atmosphere of an indoor garden presents the ideal conditions for pests and diseases, and choosing the right plants to withstand these conditions is essential. At her first meeting with a client, Dr Phelan shows photographs of suitable plants. She also finds out the aspect, height and size of the conservatory, when the main effect is wanted, and how much time the owner is prepared to spend tending the plants each week.

Conservatories must be frost-free, but minimum winter temperatures as low as 45F and 50F offer the best conditions for the widest choice of plants.

Dr Phelan prefers to be consulted before the conservatory is built so that she can advise on the best site and, in particular, persuade the client to include flower beds, which require much less watering than pots.

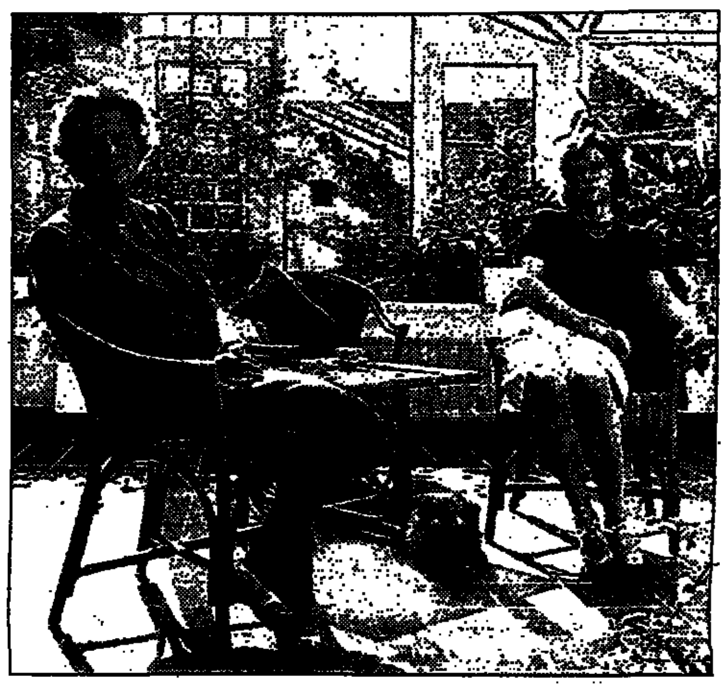
The company's minimum charge for a consultation is £30, and then £20 an hour. If it orders plants and pots the mark-up usually covers the cost of delivery. Whenever possible the gardeners will visit clients, but they will also send a planting plan by post.

Dr Phelan's computer database lists where the plants she recommends can be bought and how each should be tended. For some customers she offers an after-sales service, calling several times a year to prune and care for plants.

Visitors to the Chelsea Flower Show, which is open to the public on May 23 and 24, can find Conservatory Gardens inside one of the conservatories being exhibited by Alexander Bartholomew.

GERALDINE RANSON

● *Conservatory Gardens, 17 Hartington Road, Chiswick, London W4 3TL (081-994 6109).*


Great indoors: Joan Phelan and Patricia Glennie, at home under glass

PHOSTROGEN
'EASYFEEDER'
MAKES FEEDING YOUR GARDEN QUICKER, EASIER AND ALMOST UNBELIEVABLY ECONOMICAL . . .

At less than a penny a gallon, a level teaspoon of PHOSTROGEN Plant Food in a two gallon watering can is easy enough on the pocket, but not so easy on the feet especially when feeding borders, beds and lawns. Simply attach an EASYFEEDER to your hose, put dry PHOSTROGEN Plant Food or fast-acting Lawn Food in the pot and it mixes, dissolves, dilutes and sprays to feed your garden in minutes.

The EASYFEEDER is supplied with a standard half inch hose adaptor. It also accepts standard click fittings and flat hose adaptors, and it comes complete with enough FREE Plant Food and Lawn Food to get you started.

PHOSTROGEN FAST-ACTING SOLUBLE LAWN FOOD
An extra special, highly economical formula to give greener, healthier, more luxurious lawns. Increases resistance to weeds, weather, disease and daily wear and tear.

PHOSTROGEN ALL-PURPOSE SOLUBLE PLANT FOOD
Made from only high grade ingredients, PHOSTROGEN works faster, more effectively to give stronger, healthier, top quality plants with maximum economy.

FREE! Send a stamped, addressed envelope for a wealth of information on growing the most popular plants.

To: PHOSTROGEN LTD., CORWEN, CLWYD LL21 0EE
Name: ____________
Address: ____________
____
____________ T27·4

PHOSTROGEN
WE KNOW ALL ABOUT PLANT FEEDING

Assets

South of the border style

DECORATING Mexican-style means an interior design that embraces colour and simplicity. Even without a backdrop of warm adobe brickwork, rough ochre-washed plaster and massive timber beams, the carnival spirit of Mexican handicrafts is likely to find favour with home-owners bored by the limitations of country-cottage chintz.

The style is derived from a heady mix of turbulent history and the cultures of the Old and New Worlds. Mexican pottery has changed little for centuries. Bulbous jugs, vases and platters in natural, earthy colours are decorated with birds and fish, while symbolic yellow suns gleam from goblets, plates and bowls. Rugs, woven in the biggest, brightest stripes, complement baskets cheerfully interwoven with coloured and natural straw, while large serapes in strong cotton stripes can liven up tired furniture.

"Mexico is not geared up for exporting, so the merchandise is difficult to get hold of," says Julie Hassan, a buyer at Liberty, which kicked off the newly opened Latin American room in its Regent Street store with a colourful range of Mexican handicrafts. "But the country is full of high-quality handicrafts, so we are sourcing pieces directly from people who make them exclusively for Liberty."

Three new ranges of furniture have been added to the traditional, hand-carved wooden pieces available at the store. These include the bright colours of hand-painted Santa Fe furniture, simple pine pieces, and heavily carved baroque-looking furniture. Tables, chairs, cupboards, picture frames, wardrobes with iron hinges, blanket chests, dressers and framed mirrors are available in the four different styles, many with Mexican motifs painted or carved on their surfaces.

Margueritas, traditional Mexican flowers, appear on a range of hand-painted tableware, exclusive to Liberty. Also exclusive is a collection of hand-blown coarse, coloured glassware in turquoise and cobalt blue.

Large wooden figures of people, dogs, armadillos, crocodiles and mystical creatures are hand-painted with bright, intricate floral and abstract traditional designs from Oaxaca. The macabre playfulness of Indian cultures persists in papier mâché festival masks and skeletal figures.

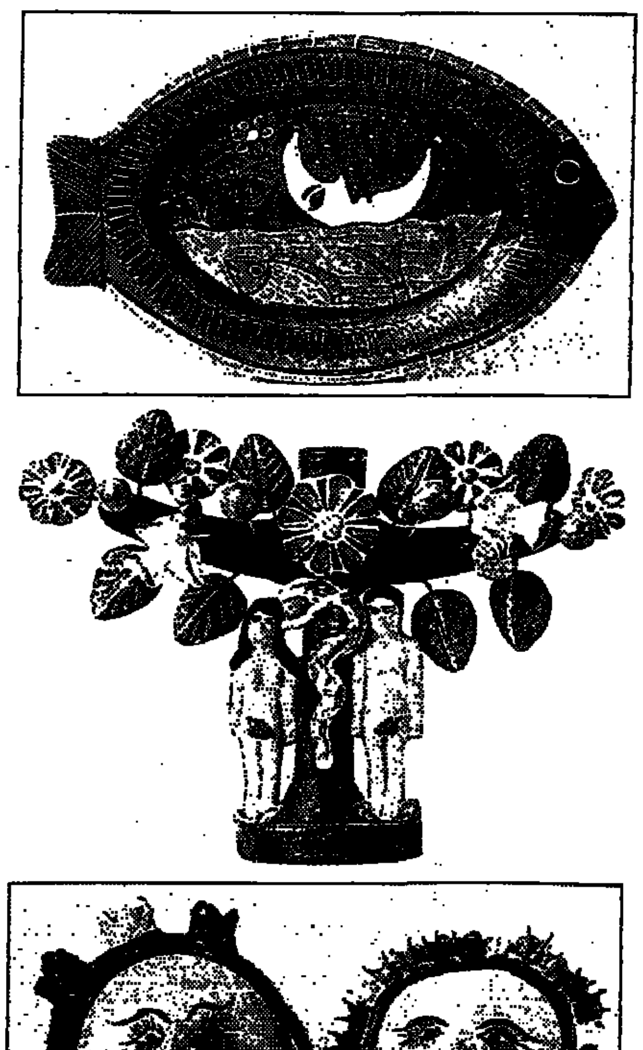
"We are starting with Mexico and have buyers currently looking at Guatemalan textiles," says Alison Pyrah, Liberty's merchandising manager. "We will then move on to products from other Latin American countries."

Mo Fini, who supplies more than 500 shops in Britain with goods from Latin America, started his Tumi shops in London, Bath and Oxford, in 1978. "Latin America is rich in vitality, cultural heritage and resources yet it remains one of the poorest regions in the world," he says.

"While trade with Latin American artisans continues to expand, Tumi attempts to provide them with the means for growth. Tumi's trade policy has always involved working directly with families and small groups of producers. In all cases their earnings through Tumi have been above the level of local earnings."

A collection of photographs taken by Mr Fini in Latin America is on show at Tumi's Oxford shop until May 18 and from May 25 to July 27 at Tucan in Brighton.

NICOLE SWENGLEY


Bold and bright: from top, Mexican ceramic fish platter, centrepiece and typical decorative objects, all from Liberty

WHERE TO BUY

● **Tumi,** 23 Chalk Farm Road, NW1 (071-485 4152); 8-9 New Bond Street Place, Bath (0225 462367); 1-2 Little Clarendon Street, Oxford (0865 512307); and Tucan, 29 Bond Street, Brighton (0273 26351). Wide range of South American furnishings and crafts. Wooden toys from Chile; rugs and wall-hangings from Peru and Ecuador. Hand-painted Mexican ceramics include vases, ornaments and dinner services. Some items available by mail order from the Bath shop on 0225 480470.

● **Inca,** 29-30 Kingly Street, W1 (071-287 9232). Hand-painted, glass-framed wall mirrors, carved wooden lamp bases, tin and brass candlesticks, clay vases and bowls, painted wooden parrots, baskets, coloured straw bangles and beads from Ecuador.

● **Kikapu,** 3 Gee's Court, off St Christopher's Place, W1 (071-355 3867), and 48 Tobacco Dock, Pennington Street, E1 (071-702 4937). Some South American arts and crafts mixed in with mainly African stock, including clay vases and planters from Brazil. New items due in May include floor rugs and tapestries, carved wooden chests, small figurines.

● **Montezumas,** 9 Oak Road, Ealing Broadway, W5 (081-579 6293). From Peru: brightly coloured rugs, carved totem poles terracotta urns and bowls. From Mexico: ironwork candlesticks and furniture, painted and sponged clay conservatory pots, hand-crafted tin mirrors.

● **Santa Fe,** 34 Bruton Place, W1 (071-355 4514). Rugs, blankets, suede cushions, tinware, glasses. Furniture includes cupboards, dressers, tables, chairs, coffee tables.

مكثرا عن الاصل

Wanted: a few nice pieces

After years of neglect, **Alastair Robertson** reports, Duff House has been restored — but it is empty

By the mid-Eighties it was apparent to Scotland's Historic Buildings and Monuments Department that something would have to be done about Duff House. William Adam's magnificent exercise in baroque classicism at Banff, on the southern shore of the Moray Firth, was nearing the end of a 30-year restoration programme, saved but chillingly empty.

Under the guidance of Timothy Clifford, the flamboyant and controversial director of the National Galleries of Scotland, it is now to become home to Scotland's large but seldom seen collection of country-house art: the portraits and the conversation pieces, the still lives of kitchen tables heaving with dead game, and the prize bulls and favourite racehorses.

Mr Clifford plans to restore the house to its late 18th century zenith, the days when the 2nd Earl of Fife was amassing his collection of European historical portraits.

"He produced two excellent catalogues, so we have a fairly clear idea what was there. He even mentions '. . . and in the blue closset hangs . . .' so we also know something about the colour schemes," he says.

The pictures in store are typical of those found in country houses throughout the land. Rather than slip in what Mr Clifford describes as second-rate Renoirs, he is prepared to find and frame good prints of pictures he feels appropriate to the house if the National's collection cannot produce what is needed.

He will, however, produce at least one important work as a crowd-puller: exquisite as Duff House may be, it is a long way from Loch Ness and Edinburgh Castle.

"It will not be some fossilised reinterpretation; it will be an informed, intelligent and amusing gallery — well, gallery is the wrong word. An intelligent and amusing house," Mr Clifford says.

MIKE WILKINSON

Country house as gallery: workmen repair Duff House and, inset, the façade of William Adam's magnificent exercise in baroque classicism

By all accounts it will be the first amusing thing to have happened to Duff House since a councillor proposed turning it into a municipal swimming pool. For all its splendour, on the outskirts of what is possibly Scotland's best preserved 17th and 18th century town, the house's history is, with the exception of a brief period, one of indecision and uncertainty.

William Duff, who became Lord Braco and then 1st Earl of Fife, was a Highland *nouveau riche*. In need of a seat worthy of his social elevation, he selected a site to the south of Banff, an elegant town to which the gentry retreated in winter from their freezing estates in the hinterland.

Adam's design in his *Vitruvius Scoticus* of 1735 shows a soaring baroque palace, a tower at each corner, with flanking pavilions joined to the main block by curving colonnades. But only the main block was completed.

Adam had the more complex stone carving executed by George Jamieson at Queensferry, outside Edinburgh; 20 Corinthian and 16 composite capitals, 34 vases, two coats of arms and six keystones. For these Braco was presented with a bill for £2,500. He balked, called a halt to work in 1741, and client and architect spent five years locked in litigation. Adam won, but the worry killed him before Braco settled.

Braco, by now Earl of Fife, retired to Balvenie, his house at Dufftown on the Spey, and abandoned the undecorated shell to his son James, Lord MacDuff. MacDuff made a great effort to finish the house and furnish it as grandly as possible. It is his catalogues and inventories which survive.

His death marked the beginning of a gradual decline; by 1824 the silver and 120 pictures were being sold off. The 6th earl managed to become a duke by marrying a princess, and still owned 257,657 Scottish acres. But the house was an expensive burden which he generously presented, empty, to the unsuspecting burghers of Banff and MacDuff in 1907. The house lurched in use from smart hotel to nursing home to barracks and prison camp.

In 1956 the Scottish secretary took it over, and has spent more than £800,000 since making the house wind and watertight, restoring plaster mouldings, recasting statues and repairing stonework.

Initial estimates for Mr Clifford's project suggest it will cost less than £1 million, to be paid for by Historic Scotland (the renamed Historic Buildings and Monuments Department), with the first pictures hung in two years. But until he can prise an annual furniture allowance from the Scottish secretary, Mr Clifford concedes he must beg and borrow.

"But in the meantime we must study the catalogues and inventories and find out if we have any of the pictures which were originally in the house, what our collections can provide, and what the house itself can take," he says.

© Times Newspapers Ltd 1991

Farmer's diary: Paul Heiney

A potato angel from the marsh

I KNOW an old farmworker who lives alone in a cottage by a marsh. He lives simply, cooking his meal in a smoky old pot on an open coal fire, and when he is not boiling up food for himself, the pot goes on bubbling with potato peelings for the hens. His garden is neat and ruthlessly productive: beans, cabbages, spuds and doughty sprouts thrive there. He does not waste space on flowers except for a row of sweet peas, which he hands out to his lady admirers, who are numerous. He has been a friend of mine for a year, but this week he was the answer to my prayers.

My problems began a fortnight ago. At about four o'clock one morning, I sat bolt upright in bed and announced that I was going to have to cancel the seed potatoes. Not only that, the cows were going to have to go. It was all becoming too much. Then, sweating with anxiety, I remembered there were 20 tons of manure to spread, meadows to be harrowed, pigs to be moved. "I'm cancelling the potatoes," I shouted again, this time with a sob in my voice as I thrust my head into the pillow in the hope of sleep. But there was no relief. Executives would call this a nervous breakdown and bring in therapists, but I suspect that such sleepless nights are a regular feature of farming life. Anyway, I couldn't cancel the potatoes because they were on the way.

Inspired by a holiday postcard, I decided perhaps I ought to say my prayers. The postcard, a folksy affair from the Austrian borders, showed "Saint Isidor, the Farm-Labourer". He was a talented ploughman and devout man of God, so highly regarded that while he was praying every day, angels would come and do his work for him. The painting shows him kneeling before his church while a beaming angel in a nightdress ploughs the land behind.

My wife, who has custody of the *Dictionary of Saints*, tells me that, being a typical farmer, St Isidor stoutly denied he had any help. But I have learnt humility. I admitted I needed an angel, said my prayer, and soon fell asleep.

I am wary of admitting to visions, lest I be bracketed with the reborn turquoise tracksuit brigade, but I awoke with the name of the old man of the marsh on my lips. Thank you, St Isidor. I can't imagine why I hadn't thought of him before. He would make an ideal potato-planting companion. Like much manual work on farms, potato planting has a biblical simplicity about it. But it is slow, tedious and back-breaking, and if there is any way of getting a little unbiblical jollity into it, the opportunity must be seized.

I ploughed the furrows while the old boy filled the baskets and hauled the seed. He started at one end, I at the other, and when we met in the middle there was always a cheery tale to be told. There was the story of how he chopped off the end of one of his fingers, took it to the surgery to have it sewn back on but was told the doctor would be out for at least an hour. "Well, I weren't waitin' that long," he said, "so I chucked it away and went home fur m' tea."

Tales told, we would stoop once more to the potato planting. From a distance, a passer-by might think we were bent in prayer. But only St Isidor would have recognised which of us was giving thanks, and which was the labouring angel.

Maltese cross-hairs on British birds

Feather report

Under fire: the little owl, left, and the hobby are two targets

To British eyes, this looks like one of the most absurd court cases in history. But in Malta it is a *cause célèbre*. A company which runs tours for bird-hunters is suing the Maltese Ornithological Society (MOS) for the right to shoot legally protected birds, many of which breed in Britain. The tour company is claiming £52,000 for alleged loss of revenue caused by the MOS.

Malta has the worst record for shooting in the Mediterranean, and it has taken to exporting its hunters. Egypt has been a popular destination. There are even fewer practical restrictions on hunters there than in Malta, and you can visit Egypt during the Maltese close season. Thus, you can blast away at the birds that migrate up the Nile valley and along the eastern Mediterranean. These include such British breeders as white-throat, which are little warblers that nest in tangles of bramble, and turtle doves, whose purring song is, more than the crump of cricket ball on bat, the sonic essence of a southern English summer.

In 1988, the MOS launched a campaign to stop Maltese hunters visiting Egypt to shoot protected birds. It linked with the International Council for Bird Preservation (ICBP), which has, in turn, put pressure on the Egyptian government. Protecting birds by law is one thing: enforcing the law is quite another. The result is that Egypt has imposed restrictions on the activities of foreign hunters.

So far so good. But Edward Vassallo, the director of Sphinx Tours, has responded by taking legal action against the MOS.

There is no question about the shooting of protected species in Egypt. Little owl, kestrel, black-shouldered kite and little green bee-eater have all been shot. In April last year, an Egyptian tour guide was jailed after a raid on a hotel full of Maltese hunters, which produced the corpses of protected species among 150 dead birds confiscated.

Maltese Customs has also found protected species in the bags of returning hunters: hobby, black-shouldered kite, and two of the world's most stunning birds, golden oriole and roller.

Dr Tobias Salathé, a bird migration expert with the ICBP, says: "Your first reaction to this is that Sphinx Tours could not have a case. But this is Malta. The influence of the hunting lobby is immense."

This court case sets a precedent, and it could go either way. The shooting of migrating birds is an offence against international conservation, and a specific threat to British breeding birds. The RSPB has lent money, and the ICBP is appealing for more funds to defend the case.

Malta has for centuries been a stepping-stone by birds migrating from north Africa and up through Italy. The tradition of shooting them began as a search for food: the over-flying hordes were seen as the gift of a bountiful providence. Now the birds are shot and stuffed: the Maltese fad is to have a bigger collection of stuffed birds than your neighbour. Birds of prey are particularly favoured: I wonder how many of the 27 marsh harriers miraculously raised at Minsmere bird reserve in Suffolk in the past have been shot over Malta this spring.

To lead the Mediterranean league for bad conservation should be a cause of national shame. This court case could be pivotal for conservation.

Every time I hear of mass bird shooting, I think of Martha, the last passenger pigeon, who died in Cincinnati zoo in 1914. Passenger pigeons were, perhaps, the most numerous species in history. With Martha, they went extinct. They flew in flocks four miles long and a mile wide, blackening the sky. They nested in colonies of 30 square miles. They were shot to extinction. They, too, seemed the gift of a bountiful providence.

SIMON BARNES

- *The ICBP, 32 Cambridge Road, Girton, Cambridge CB3 0PJ (0223 277318).*
- **What's about:** *Birders — listen for the grasshopper warbler, arriving now from Africa. You might even glimpse one in a bush. Twitchers — marsh sandpiper at Elmley reserve, Kent; little bunting at Cromer, Norfolk and a red-rumped swallow on Tresco, Isles of Scilly. Details from Birdline, 0898 700222.*

Country events

THIS WEEKEND

☐ **Hot-air balloon competition:** Weather permitting, afternoon tethers and flights at 6pm today and Sunday, and dawn Sunday. Also the world's leading female escapologist and an Invicta Radio roadshow tomorrow afternoon. Pet show tomorrow afternoon. Pet area, farm animal park, nature trails and butterfly house. Hot and cold food.
Badsell Park Farm, nr Matfield, Tonbridge, Kent (0892 832549). Today, tomorrow 10am-5.30pm; £2.25, child £1.75.

☐ **Craft fair:** Demonstrations of silk-spinning and dying from cocoon to thread, corn dolly and straw lace making, basketry and weaving.
Willow Gallery, Weobley, Herefordshire. Today, tomorrow 10am-5pm; 50p, accompanied child 20p.

☐ **Landscape detectives:** Join the search for clues on the history of the Lea valley and discover the influence of man on its landscape.
Meet Fishers Green car-park, Stubbins Hall Lane, off the B194, Holyfield Road Waltham Abbey, Essex. Tomorrow 2pm (information 0992 713838).

NEXT WEEK

☐ **Living history:** Members of the Sealed Knot and the English Civil War Society living 17th century-style at an historic manor.
Arreton, Isle of Wight (0983 528134). Mon, until May 17, Mon-Fri 10am-6pm, Sat-Sun noon-6pm; £3, child £2.

☐ **Whitbread championships:** International equestrian competition. Dressage Thursday and Friday, cross-country Saturday, showjumping Sunday.
Badminton House, Avon. Thur-Fri 9am-5.30pm; Sat, gates open 7am, first event 11am; Sun 9.30am-5.30pm. Admission (car plus all occupants) Thurs, Fri, Sun, £10; Sat £20. Four-day season ticket £36.

JUDY FROSHAUG

BRITAIN'S GREAT! BREAKS YOUR CHOICE '91 FOR '91

Discover Britain this year — the fun, the freedom, the choice and always great value. See below for some great ideas or contact your ABTA travel agent or Tourist Information Centre NOW.
English Tourist Board · Northern Ireland Tourist Board · STB · Bwrdd Croeso Cymru Wales Tourist Board
YOUR NATIONAL TOURIST BOARDS WORKING FOR YOU.

The Boar's Head Hotel
Ripley, Harrogate, North Yorkshire
Enjoy a weekend (or longer) in this privately owned and run hotel, located in the centre of one of England's most beautiful and historic villages, close to the Yorkshire Dales, Moors and several stately homes. Four crown comfort, first class restaurant and wine list: "one of the best meals I've eaten in a long time, and outstanding value for money" (Yorkshire Evening Press review 9/3/91).
Two nights £119 pp DBB, extra night £57 DBB.
GIVE YOURSELVES A TREAT - GO ON!
Tel: 0423-771888 Fax: 0423-771509

BREAK AWAY TO BATH
3 NIGHTS FOR THE PRICE OF 2 AT YOUR CHOICE OF HOTELS/GUEST HOUSES
FREE BROCHURE
BATH BREAKS 4 CHEAP STREET BATH BA1 1NE ☎ 0225 462831

Poole, so often known only as a centre for sailing, never fails to capture the imagination of those who truly discover its far wider qualities for the first time.
Poole
For your FREE brochure contact The Tourism Centre, Dept. T1, The Quay, Poole, Dorset, BH15 1HE. Tel 0202 673322 (24 hour service)
Dorset . . . where South Coast meets West Country

D. H. LAWRENCE BIRTHPLACE MUSEUM
House restored and furnished to provide insight into author's early life and that of working class in Victorian times.
Exhibition room with video presentation
Adjacent to museum is a craft centre where traditional skills are practised and purchases can be made
8A VICTORIA STREET EASTWOOD NOTTINGHAM TEL [illegible]
Open 10am - 5pm April - October 10am - 4pm November - March
BROXTOWE BOROUGH COUNCIL

So close...yet world's away
ISLE OF WIGHT
If you're looking for that far-away feeling from a holiday that's close to home, sail with us to the Isle of Wight.
HOTELS 2 NIGHTS From £64 PER PERSON INCLUDING FERRY TRAVEL
SELF-CATERING 7 NIGHTS From £122 FOR 6 PERSONS INCLUDING FERRY TRAVEL
TEL:(0705) 751751 24-HR
WIGHTlink
ISLE OF WIGHT FERRIES
PO Box 59, Portsmouth PO1 2XB.

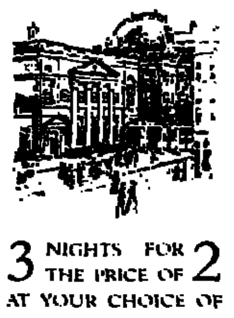
LOOK FOR THE SIGN
Self-Catering Holiday Homes
Checked out for you by the tourist boards

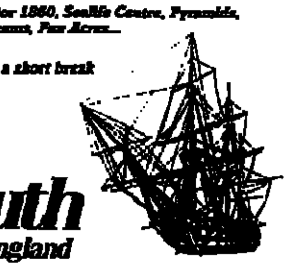
Gardens HOTEL
55 Piccadilly, Manchester M1 2AP
Tel. 061-236 5155
Fax 061-228 7287
'A Superb Hotel that means Business'
● 101 comfortable bedrooms
● Executive bedrooms
● 4 poster bedrooms with jacuzzi bath
● Residents bar
● Competitive rates for a 3-star city centre hotel
● 3 conference suites
● A la carte restaurant
● Coffee lounge

BRITAIN'S GREAT MARITIME CITY – Where you're spoilt for choice!
Mary Rose, HMS Victory, HMS Warrior 1860, Sealife Centre, Pyramids, Royal Marines and Royal Naval Museums, Fun Acres...
plus the resort of SOUTHSEA
The list goes on... so much to see for a short break or main holiday
For tourist literature, contact:
Tourist Information Centre, (E.T.B),
The Hard, Portsmouth PO1 3QJ
Tel: (0705) 834982 (24 hrs)
Portsmouth
Flagship of Maritime England

LOOK FOR THE SIGN
Hotels, Guesthouses, Inns B&Bs and Farmhouses
Checked out for you by the tourist boards

For the great way to see Britain in style and comfort ring for your free copy of our Leisure Brochure
081 200 0200
INTERCITY





To Place Your Advertisement
☎
071-481 1920

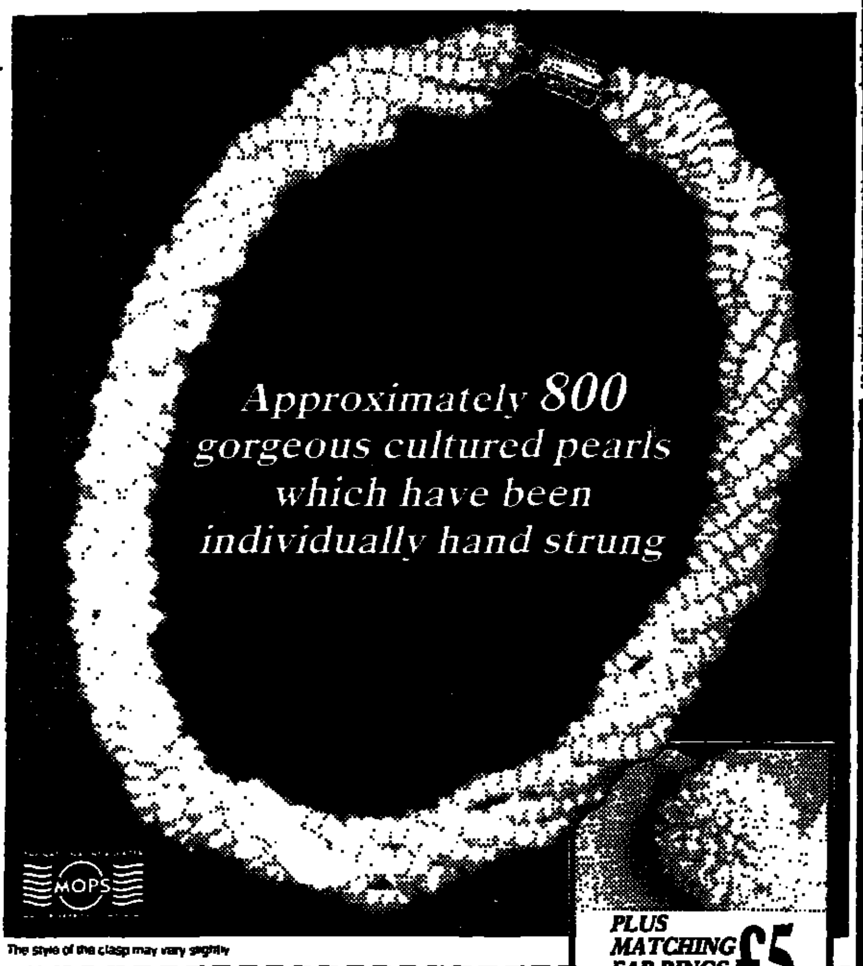
SHOPAROUND

Fax Numbers:
071-481 9313
071-782 7828

A very Special Offer ...

5 STRAND FRESHWATER CULTURED

Pearl Choker


Approximately 800 gorgeous cultured pearls which have been individually hand strung
MOPS
PLUS MATCHING EAR RINGS ONLY £5

The style of the clasp may vary slightly

Official retail replacement valuation is

~~£150~~*

OUR PRICE ONLY £19.95 plus p&p

This low, low Introductory Price Offer is guaranteed to all those Readers who respond before May 25th 1991.
*Your chance to buy at a real bargain price. A Fellow of the Gemmological Association has officially estimated the retail replacement value of a random sample at £150. (A copy of the valuation certificate is available for inspection at our offices).
There are nothing like pearls to give that special touch of glamour and sophistication ... the perfect fashion accessory for all occasions. These beautiful high quality freshwater pearls originate in **China** the world's foremost producer and are expertly strung to ensure security. Approximately 160 pearls are strung on *each* of the five strands and when twisted, the chunky Pearl Choker measures a minimum of 15 generous inches. Finished with a lovely ornate gold toned clasp and comes to you in an attractive velour suedette pouch. Absolutely perfect as a gift or simply for yourself. Just compare our price in your local jewellers and you will realise this offer represents tremendous value.
MATCHING EARRINGS. (Only available when ordering Choker). The perfect accessory to the Pearl Choker. Gorgeous Freshwater Cultured Stud Earrings only £5.
30 day full money back guarantee if not absolutely delighted. (This does not affect your statutory rights). Please allow up to 28 days for delivery.
Axiom (Dept. 38-22), Harrington Dock, Liverpool X, L70 1AX.

Telephone Ordering Service
Access/Visa Card Holders dial
051 708 8202
quoting Axiom Dept. 38-22 to place your orders between 8.30am-10.00pm also at Weekends.

Janbo Trading Limited T/A Axiom

SPECIAL OFFER COUPON

Offer applies for U.K. Mainland and N.I. only. Make cheque payable to Readers Account AXIOM. This shall be held on your behalf in this account until goods are despatched. Or charge to my Visa/Access No. ....

ITEM	PRICE	ITEM NO.	HOW MANY	TOTAL
Pearl Choker	£19.95	PRL		£
Matching Earrings (Only available when ordering Choker)	£5.00	EAR		£
			Sub Total	£
Please add £3.00 post, packing & handling charge for each Choker				£
			TOTAL	£

Signature .... Expiry date ....
Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms (PLEASE PRINT) ....
Address ....
....
.... Post Code ....
Post to: AXIOM (Dept. 38-22), Harrington Dock, Liverpool X, L70 1AX
☐ Please tick here or let us know if you do not wish to be notified of any further special offers.
Janbo Trading Ltd. T/A Axiom. Reg. No. 0679200

SNUGGLE
VETERINARY BLANKET

Beautiful Soft Fleecy Pile
CHEW RESISTANT
IDEAL FOR USE IN CAR WHEN TRAVELLING WITH PETS
Can also be used with traditional dog beds or cat baskets.

A comfortable healthy bed for your best friend

Pets will nestle down into this **dense 1" deep hygienic polyester pile,** which is firmly anchored onto a **slip resistant backing** by a unique patented 'lock-on understitching' process. Design allows liquids to drain straight through fabric **keeping pets warm, dry and free from damp and draughts.** Reduces hypothermia risk to puppies' and resists their chewing attention. Also **eases and relaxes aching, rheumatic joints** in older dogs and cats. Machine washable and tumble dried without shrinkage or pile damage.

SMALL (20" x 24") **£8.95.** **MEDIUM** (20" x 30") **£11.95.**
LARGE (30" x 40") **£17.25.** **JUMBO** (36" x 54") **£24.95.**

ADD £1.50 p&p. 2 or more **POST FREE.** Send Cheque/P.Os or your **ACCESS/VISA** number. Money refunded if not satisfied. Allow 21 day despatch.

DIRECT READER OFFERS

CREDIT CARD HOLDERS–TELEPHONE
0482 822158 (24 hours)
VISA

Direct Reader Offers (Dept TT17)
Sutton Fields, HULL, HU8 0XD.

The Sensational F1 Hybrid Tomato

PIXIE
THE TOMATO PLANT FOR ALL YEAR ROUND CULTIVATION
SUCH A HEAVY CROPPING VARIETY - IT MEANS YOU MAY NEVER NEED TO BUY ANOTHER TOMATO OR TOMATO PLANT EVER AGAIN!

A CONTINUOUS SUPPLY OF SALAD TOMATOES!
• EASILY GROWN! • BEAT SHOP PRICES!

As recommended by S. Express, 3 March 1991
Outdoors earliest of all tomatoes! Excellent in pots indoors! Pick ripe fruit in winter from Greenhouse or kitchen window sill! Delicious flavour – full-sized fruits!

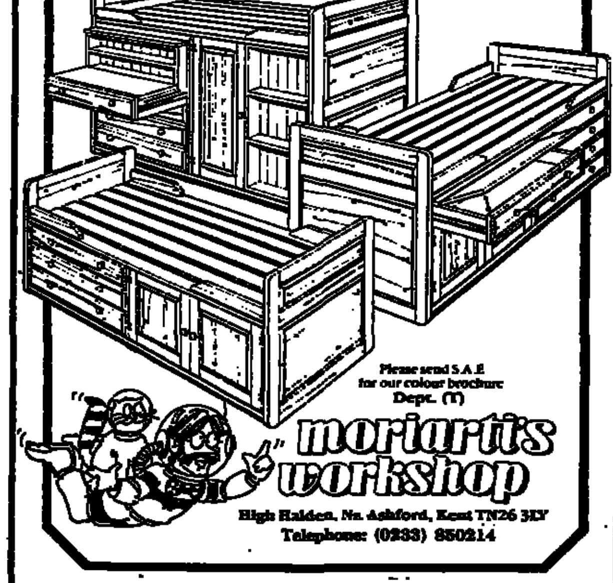
PICK DELICIOUS TOMATOES THIS SUMMER AUTUMN & WINTER AND NEXT SPRING & ALL NEXT SUMMER WITHOUT HAVING TO PURCHASE FURTHER PLANTS

NO TOMATO IN OUR OPINION HAS A BETTER FLAVOUR

Easy to grow! We believe this to be the finest flavour tomato of all. This tomato is ideally suited for growing in pots or troughs on a window sill. It is possible to have a perpetual supply of tomatoes as the habit of this is a bush tomato and it will not grow tall as conventional varieties. Its ultimate height is little more than about 2ft 6ins. The side shoots are removed and rather than being discarded, as you would normal tomatoes, are easily rooted and provide plant material for a continuity of plants and therefore cropping. Each plant can produce masses of fruit. These superb Tomatoes average about 10 to the lb. All it requires is nutritious soil and a minimum temperature of 60 deg. F. It needs, especially in winter, good light conditions. It is our belief that once you grow Pixie you won't want to eat any other variety of tomato, for the flavour is that of the finest salad tomato we think you may have or are ever likely to taste. 5 cell pot grown plants £6.95; 10 for £12.95 carr. free!!

POST YOUR ORDER TO THIS ADDRESS IMMEDIATELY. OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK.
KENT COUNTRY NURSERIES
Challock Lees 23PT17, Nr. Ashford, Kent. ☎ 023 374 256

The Galaxy Range of Solid Pine Storage Beds



Please send S.A.E for our colour brochure Dept. (T)
moriarti's workshop
High Halden, Nr. Ashford, Kent TN26 3LY
Telephone: (0233) 850214

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT
KITCHENS NEEDED

We are one of Britain's top manufacturers of Quality Kitchens and after 12 successful years we are now expanding.
For 1991 we have several new ranges of unique, exciting and different styles available direct to you and in exchange for the use of your kitchen to show 3 prospective customers. We not only promise a fitted kitchen of exceptional quality but guarantee you substantial savings.
This is a 'First Come First Served' opportunity so if you are thinking of a new kitchen contact our Product Development Manager today on

0800 252957
SANDPIPER KITCHENS
FREEPOST (T17)
186 High Street, Dorking RH4 1QR

Dunlopillo LATEX AND Carefoam DX

REPLACE your cushions & mattresses
we cut to any shape or size!

Choose from soft, medium or firm. ALL FIRE RETARDANT.
Even if your size is not in our brochure, we quote for any size.

Soft mattress overlays
Ease discomfort in a too hard bed. We cut to any size.

Cushion Service
We'll cut Dunlopillo Latex or Foam to fit inside your existing covers.

PHONE (0532) 678281 or 673770 for our brochure or send stamp to:– **FOAM FOR COMFORT**
Dept T, 401 Otley Old Road, Cookridge, Leeds LS16 7DF
(Open Mon-Fri 9-5, Thurs till 8, Sat 9-1).

"There are few better ways to learn how to tackle The Times crossword or to improve your speed"
Amstrad PCW 8000 PLUS January 1991
TIMES COMPUTER CROSSWORDS
Volumes 1,2,3,4,5 & 6 and
THE TIMES JUBILEE PUZZLES
1932 - 1987 for Crossword Novices or Experts
Each volume has 60 Times Crosswords complete with computer instructions.
Cassettes REDUCED - LIMITED - OFFER £5 Discs £18.95 (BBC, RM Nimbus), £19.95 (IBM, Amstrad, Archim., Atari ST).
IBM version - New enchanced GRAPHICS - All Models
CGA, EGA, VGA - Monochrome - Hercules - Colour.
Also NEW from TIMES BOOKS
More JUMBO CROSSWORDS from THE TIMES Book of Jumbo Crosswords (2nd Edition)
More Jumbo Crosswords from The Times
By Edmund Akenhead.
Price £3.99 (plus 75p P&P per item)
Except where otherwise stated all prices include VAT, P&P
NOTE: £1 surcharge to EEC, £2 surcharge ex EEC all items.
Call Akom Ltd on 081-852 4575 for further details.
51 Manor Lane, London SE13 5QW
(Open weekends)

CLOSING DOWN SALE

RETIRING AFTER 36 YEARS IN KNIGHTSBRIDGE
EVERYTHING MUST GO 75% DISCOUNTS NOW VAT INCLUSIVE ORIENTAL CARPETS AND RUGS
OPEN MONDAY TO SATURDAY
9.30 a.m. to 6.30 p.m.
SAMAD'S Ltd
33a KNIGHTSBRIDGE, LONDON, SW1X 7NL
NEAR HYDE PARK CORNER Tel: 071 235 5712

FACTORY SHOP

FOR QUALITY SOFAS, SOFA BEDS, LOUNGE SUITES & DIVAN SETS

We are manufacturers to the public. Choose your style and fabric and have it made by our superior craftsmen and women at an inclusive price - curtains to match. Fabrics by Liberty, Sanderson and many others also re-covering and re-upholstering undertaken...

NO HIDDEN EXTRAS
COME AND SEE YOUR SOFA'S BEING MADE

SOFA BEDS
(with metal action)
START FROM £269 inc.
1a Cleveland Way E1
Open 6 days a week
(closed Wednesday)
Tel: 071 790 4233

SOFA TO BED FACTORY
Shop & Showroom, Unit 1, Bayford Street, Mare Street E8
(Close to Well St)
Open 7 days a week
Free Parking Tel: 081 533 0815

Quality You Can Afford !
INDIVIDUALLY MADE TO MEASURE SHIRTS
IMPECCABLY HAND CUT
in your choice of the world's finest fabrics. West End quality at sensible 'Yorkshire' prices. 300 fabric samples & colour brochure FREE. Write or phone.
Seymour Shirts,
FREEPOST, Dept. XA
Bradford BD1 1BR. Tel: 0274 726520

SHORT OF SPACE?

INSTALL A SLIM-LINE FOLDING WALL BED AND TURN YOUR SPARE ROOM INTO AN EXTRA BEDROOM/STUDY/WORKROOM/TV ROOM.
Available as single and double beds, designed for regular use, in a variety of moderns and classic styles, with a wide range of matching units.
Phone us today, or write for more information to:
THE LONDON WALL BED COMPANY
263 The Vale, Acton, London W3 7QA
Tel: 081-743 1174 Fax: 081-740 1446
Showroom Open:
Mon—Fri: 9am—6pm Sat: 11am—4pm

THE GENUINE PANAMA HAT

Only a straw hood from Ecuador can be used in a genuine Panama!

Sizes: 6 ¼ - 7 ¾
£29.95 inc. p&p
Orders and cheques to:
The Traditional Hat Company
27 Old Gloucester Street
London WC1N 3XX
Tel: 071 404 5011
Credit Cards accepted

Slip/Falls in Baths/Showers
BATHSAFETY
now available for
D.I.Y.
Solved in less than 5 mins treatment
£5.95
Send for details
ASP Ltd, Sheriff Hutton, York, YO6 1PY
Tel: 03477 774

Tailored Covers

To fit by design – not by stretching.

Tailor made in the finest real fabrics to match the quality of your favourite chair or settee. Write or Telephone for FREE Fabric samples and Colour Brochure quoting the Model Number or name of your furniture.
☎ (24 Hours)
081-680 4750
Lyn-Plan (Dept No 3081), 43 Imperial Way, Croydon, Surrey CR9 4LP
Lyn-Plan

Daniel Brace
'If'
by Rudyard Kipling
also your favourite poems or your own poetry. The ideal special gift or keepsake scripted by professional calligrapher.
For further details contact
Daniel Brace, Tel: 071 702 9242

17th Century English Oak

Our ELEGANT, EXCLUSIVE and EXQUISITE Oak furniture, handmade by a team of Britain's finest Craftsmen, is much sought after by discerning collectors. Supplied BEAUTIFULLY FINISHED or for SIMPLE HOME ASSEMBLY please send two 24p stamps for colour brochure and prices.
JACOBUS WORKSHOP DEPT.T.T.20.
Burnside Mill, Addingham, Nr. Ilkley, W.Yorks. LS29 0PJ Tel. (0943) 830176

GENUINE BIRTHDAY NEWSPAPERS
From famous archive saved from the past.
Printed between 1642-1990
Sunday Newspapers from 1915
Presentation packed.
Same day dispatch.
Gift of ever increasing value at £17.50
REMEMBER WHEN
368 Brighton Road, South Croydon, Surrey
081-688 6323

HOUSE DUST MITE
ARE YOU ALLERGIC?
Then fit a DERPI DUSTOP bedding cover. Details:
Allergy Relief Products Ltd
Tel: (0703) 586709
Fax: (0703) 676226

CUBES SHELVING TRESTLES DESKS ETC
Inexpensive drawers, record units wardrobes, cupboards & shelving beech, white, black for home/work
Mail-order catalogue (or visit us)
CubeStore 58 Pembroke Rd W8
081-994 6016 (also Sflk & Notts)

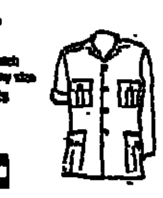
TIDY RAIL

£7.99 + £3.51 carr./VAT
Neat and compact. Ideal for home, flat, bedsit. Assembles in seconds. Just slot together (no bolts).
Includes shoe rack. Tubular steel. Bright plated finish. 38ins. long £7.99 + £3.51 carr/VAT. 53ins. long £9.69 + £3.81 carr/VAT. Castors £2.60 extra. Clear plastic Dust Covers to completely cover rails £2.50 each. Clear clothes covers 6 for £2.70. 5 bar slack hangers £3.00 each. 5 bar skirt hangers £3.00 each. Trade enquiries invited for Heavy Duty Rails also at very low prices – write for details. Despatched in 7/10 days U.K. Mainland only.
ARDENCO LTD. Dept. TTR 134 Saxby Rd. Ind. Est., Melton Mowbray, Leics. LE13 1BS

Choice Collection

SAFARI/BUSH JACKETS

100% Cotton Drill
100% Cotton Gabardine
Poly/Wool Tropical
Poly/Cotton Drill
Longs and Shorts to Match
All individually made. Any size
BBS Safari Jackets
Freepost 9
Thurso
KW14 7BR



هكذا عن الاصل

Grown-up games with toys

Outsiders are infiltrating the old toy network, as Sarah Jane Checkland reports

JAMES GRAY

Challenging the auction houses: Jeffrey Levitt of Mint & Boxed, the toys dealer, which this week was given a Queen's award for export achievement

There is gazumping going on in toyland. Apart from the customary competition between the band of bankers and accountants who collect Dinky toys and hold regular "swap meets" at country fairgrounds, Sotheby's, Christie's and Phillips are contending with two threats to their supremacy.

First is Boyes, the young Danish auctioneers which entered the scene last week with a small army of tiny, gesturing Nazi soldiers, and achieved a record for a Rudolf Hess figure at £3,375. "It is a dream to come to London," says 28-year-old Frank Boyes, who was pleased with the performance of the Nazi nasties, but disappointed with their blander British counterparts, such as Royal Scots guards, for which bids stopped at £30.

The auction also offered the spectator sport of a bidding duel between two leading collectors of Elastolin figures, made by the German company of that name from a composite of pearl-glue, resin and wood pulp — the mustachioed German dealer George Shultz, and sleek Bertel Brumn, an American/Danish doctor.

Such toys, along with all Nazi memorabilia, are banned by Sotheby's, whose chairman, Alfred Taubman, is Jewish. Christie's and Phillips occasionally relax their non-Nazi rule for toys on the grounds of their supposed innocuity.

The toys are only a fraction of the golden seam of supplies Mr Boyes says is waiting in the attics of Danish homes, the market not having been tapped there. Having gained a foothold, Mr Boyes plans to return to Britain and consolidate.

The second challenge to the auction houses comes from Jeffrey Levitt, an entrepreneurial British dealer in toys in his mid thirties who, having prefixed the word "executive" before the more prosaic "toys", hovers outside the playpen, spying out the best on offer. He then scoops them up and, he says, sells them for much more to the rich (Japanese businessmen) and famous (the Sultan of Selangor, Frank Sinatra and Steven Spielberg).

Mr Levitt says that within eight years he has raised his turnover from £350,000 to £14 million in the year to June 1990. This year, after opening a shop on Madison Avenue, New York, he expects to exceed £27 million. No wonder his company, Mint & Boxed, was given a Queen's award for export achievement this week.

"Potential investors are beginning to realise that antique toys are works of art and, as such, are as collectable as fine paintings, sculpture or ceramics," he says.

Mr Levitt claims the big auction houses missed their chance to take toy collecting seriously in the late Eighties, adding: "My network of agents and contacts is scouring the world. We have seen prices increase 20 to 25 per cent each year."

He cites the example of a German Marklin clockwork gauge tramcar made for the Dutch market in 1902 which he sold for £28,000 two weeks ago, compared with the £19,000 he gained last year from an almost identical example made for the Belgian market. He expects a place in the *Guinness Book of Records* for his biggest price, the $1 million paid by a Japanese collector last September for a Charles hose reel pump — an early American tin toy depicting a fire engine and named Charles.

John Badeley of Sotheby's retaliates: "He is someone who buys a toy at auction, multiplies it ten or 20 times and then sells on. If he can do it, clever old Jeffrey Levitt. But it may be that there is a Jeffrey Levitt price and then there is a market price, and that when people look and see they will not be so happy."

The toy collecting field is distinct in a number of respects. First, it is short on dealers — Mr Badeley estimates only 100 throughout the world — but enjoyed by thousands of amateurs. Also, the interest in toys over the past ten years has inevitably resulted in much re-evaluation of what is and is not rare, making for some reversals in prices.

'Investors are beginning to realise that antique toys are works of art'

Another characteristic is that toys become antiques more quickly than objects in other fields, where the qualifying rule often demands 50 years of existence. One new area, for example, is electric Japanese robots from the Fifties.

The latest emergent strand, as witnessed by the Bonhams auction of *Dr Who* memorabilia scheduled for May 11, is television-related toys, although, as Mr Badeley says, they have not reached "the prices which make it interesting for us".

"Boldly going" into this new field, as the captain of another starship might say, Bonhams has omitted printed estimates for the "three baskets of assorted armour" and "Tractator — a large worm-like alien with gravity-controlling powers".

When toys were toys, and not computer games, it was the German manufacturers who always led the field, from their tin-plate toys to their 19th century Kammer and Reinhardt dolls. (A Kammer and Reinhardt 1909 bisque character doll sold for £90,200, a world record price for a doll, at Sotheby's in February 1989: a windfall for Ann Challen, a nurse, who found it in her attic.)

Britain came second, particularly after the second world war, says an expert, when the banning of German products proved the making of companies such as Hornby and Dinky.

A rare Dinky Heinz van which originally cost 8s 6d (42½p) sold for £2,800 in March last year, but there is still scope for the relatively impecunious collector in this British market, particularly in lesser-known makes such as Bassett Lowke, a British producer of train sets which, some collectors claim, were superior in quality to those of Hornby. According to Hugo Marsh of Christie's a 1940 Hornby Princess Elizabeth engine might fetch up to £3,000, while a Bassett Lowke equivalent would be £2,000.

Teddy bears, having scaled the heights following publicity surrounding a series of records — in September 1989 a Steiff bear broke the record for a teddy when it fetched an astonishing £55,000 — have now slumped to about half their previous value.

● *The Sotheby's toy sale on May 9 includes a Sixties Japanese Horikawa space station, including rooms for "rest and recreation", estimated at £500 to £700. The Christie's South Kensington sale on May 16 includes "wonderful" prewar Dinkys and a Marklin train set, estimated at £7,000 to £10,000.*

Getty chases £6m Rubens

Review

☐ **Go Getty:** Despite the irritation felt by the Getty Museum of California at the British art export supremos who refused its bid for Canova's *The Three Graces*, the museum is hoping to gain possession of a £6.31 million Rubens oil sketch, *The Miracles of St Francis of Paola*, when the export ban on it ends on May 6. Because the work is considered academic and, therefore, unenticing by experts such as Christopher Brown at the National Gallery, no British museum is trying to raise funds to save it. *St Francis* used to hang alongside Constable's *The Lock* at Sudeley Castle, Winchcombe, Gloucestershire, and is the second work to be sold in six months by the trustees of the Walter Morrison Settlement, which owns the castle's collection.

☐ **Star power:** Marilyn Monroe's swimsuit, worn in publicity stills for the film *There's No Business Like Showbusiness*, fetched £13,200 at Christie's South Kensington. Madonna's gold Lurex top failed to attract enough bids.

☐ **Winged Instrument:** A late 18th century cello by William Forster made a record price for an English cello when it fetched £24,200 at Phillips.

Preview

☐ **Monday:** Christie's hopes to raise £850,000 for a Spitfire at the Science Museum, Wroughton, Wiltshire. At Christie's South Kensington, there are groups of Roman glassware at £100 upwards per lot, and Artic black figure cups, circa 500 BC, at up to £500 for two; 10.30am. At 2pm, Bonhams offers a 1st century AD Roman marble torso, estimated at up to £2,000. In Dumfries, Thomson Roddick & Laurie offers sporting guns at 6pm.

☐ **Tuesday:** The Victoria Cross awarded to Piper George Findlater, "the Hero of Dargai", a Gordon Highlander who continued to play his regimental march despite being shot through both feet, is expected to fetch up to £35,000 at Christie's, London.

☐ **Wednesday:** A chance to buy at Christie's studies of the mammals and birds of Australia by John Gould, the 19th century British naturalist and illustrator: estimates, £500 to £3,000 each. Next door at Spink & Son, the annual exhibition of English watercolours and drawings begins. An early Victorian double dressing table is on offer at Christie's South Kensington (up to £1,000); 12.30pm.

☐ **Wednesday and Thursday:** Christie's Scotland takes over the Royal College of Physicians, Edinburgh, for sales of objects of art and furniture on Wednesday at 2pm; silver on Thursday, 11am; and paintings on Thursday, 6.30pm. A bibulous bidder might take a pair of 1775 silver goblets (up to £1,200).

☐ **Thursday:** Richard Watkinson offers 80 lots of 18th century glasses at Newark, Nottinghamshire, 11am.

☐ **Friday:** Five centuries of Old Master paintings can be seen at Harari & Johns, the St James's dealers, in an exhibition which upstages in quality anything coming up at the auction houses. Anybody wanting a Victorian child's galloper tricycle should look carefully at the one offered by Simmons & Sons at Barn Watcombe Manor, Watlington, Oxfordshire, 10.30am — a number of Dutch copies have been sighted at British sales.

Spare us £850,000 for a SPITFIRE
Calman

☐ *Christie's South Kensington, 85 Old Brompton Road, SW7 (071-581 7611). Bonhams, Montpelier Street, SW7 (071-584 9161). Thomson Roddick & Laurie, 60 Whitesands, Dumfries (0387 55366). Christie's Scotland, 164-6 Bath Street, Glasgow (041-332 8134). Richard Watkinson, 17 Northgate, Newark, Nottinghamshire (0636 77154). Harari & Johns, 12 Duke Street, St James's, W1 (071-839 7671). Simmons & Sons, 32 Bell Street, Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire (0491 571111).*

ANTIQUES & COLLECTING

MEEKS ANTIQUES LIMITED
TRESAISON HOUSE
ST MARY HILL
NR BRIDGEND
MID GLAMORGAN
SOUTH WALES
Telephone 0656 860273
Fax No 0656 860273
Mobile Phone 0850 701418

A truly one of a kind premises here in the UK. A haven for antique dealers and especially interior decorators and designers. 10,000 square feet of antique and decorative items suitable for all aspects of the antiques trade. At home and abroad, desirable items for French goods, Italian goods, Japanese market items, German markets, etc.

FRENCH CANE BACK CHAIRS
LIBRARY CHAIRS
MAHOGANY BOOKCASES
ASSORTED LAMPS
QUEEN ANNE STYLE CHAIRS
MARBLE TOP TABLES
FRENCH ARMCHAIRS
WALNUT FRENCH BED
MAHOGANY SIDE TABLES
FIGURE LAMPS
PLATED TRAYS
BALL & CLAW LEG SETTEE
ORMULA PCS
CHANDELIERS
ART FURNITURE
OAK & PINE FURNITURE
MAHOGANY FRAMED SOFAS
WALNUT LADIES CHAIRS
MAHOGANY DRUM TABLES
MAHOGANY BOARDROOM TABLES
CARVED SOFAS
FRENCH CHESY'S
MAHOGANY SPOON BACK CHAIRS
OIL PAINTINGS ON CANVAS
PORTRAIT LAMPS
CANDALABRA
COPPER TRAYS, ETC
CHAISE LONGUE
WALL SCONCES
PAIRS TABLE LAMPS
GLASS, ETC

Packing and loading facilities on premises, world-wide export experience.

To reach us turn off M4 at Junction 35

LIONS DEN
Specialising in Old Moorcroft Pottery for collectors all over the world
Announce
THE OPENING OF OUR NEW SHOWROOMS IN STRATFORD-UPON-AVON
We will be open between 9.30-6pm - 7 days a week at
31 Henley St, Stratford-upon-Avon
TEL. 0789-415802

MAMMOTH
ANTIQUES & COLLECTORS' FAIRS
PETERBOROUGH EAST OF ENGLAND SHOWGROUND
Saturday & Sunday, 27th/28th April
FORTHCOMING FAIRS
MKT.HARBORO' WELLAND PARK COLLEGE Sunday 5th May
LEAMINGTON SPA ROYAL SPA CENTRE Saturday 25th May
OAKHAM · SCHOOL SPORTS CENTRE Sunday 26th May
ALSO DON'T FORGET ASHBY DE LA ZOUCH INDOOR ANTIQUES MARKET CENTRE - EVERY MONDAY
FOUR-IN-ONE PROMOTIONS - 0533 712589

FOR ANTIQUE ENGAGEMENT RINGS OF DISTINCTION, QUALITY & VALUE
GREEN'S ANTIQUE GALLERIES
117 Kensington Church Street, London W8 7LN
Monday-Saturday 9.30am-5pm - Telephone 071 229 9618
We Also Purchase Quality Jewellery

CHELSEA ART
CHELSEA OLD TOWN HALL
KING'S ROAD - LONDON SW3
MAY 3-4-5, 1991
FRIDAY 5pm 'till 8pm
SATURDAY 11am 'till 6pm
SUNDAY 11am 'till 6pm
ADMISSION £2.50
FRIDAY PREVIEW 1pm - ADMISSION £10.00
75 SPECIALIST DEALERS SELLING ART
ANTIQUE, PERIOD & COLLECTABLE.
INCLUDING:
BRONZES & ORIGIONAL CASTS,
OILS & WATERCOLOURS, SCULPTURE,
SKETCHES & DRAWINGS, PRINTS,
ENGRAVINGS, LIMITED EDITIONS,
POSTERS, PHOTOGRAPHS, ETC.
A BAGATELLE EVENT 081-391 2339

GEOFF ANTIQUES
Antique Furniture Restorers
MARKETERY INLAYS
FRENCH POLISHING VENEERING
CARVING STRIPPING
COMPLETE RESTORATION OR GENERAL TIDY UP
Nationwide collection and delivery service
Trade Welcome, Fully Insured
0892 883389

CRITERION AUCTION ROOMS
SALE OF ANTIQUE FURNITURE
On view: Saturday 27th April & Sunday 28th April - 11am-3pm - Monday 29th April from 10am.
SALE STARTS: MONDAY 29 APRIL AT 6.30 PM
Criterion Auction Rooms
53 Essex Road, Islington, London N1
TEL: 071 359 5707

QUALITY ANTIQUE DESKS
Veneered in Burr Walnut. Various sizes, e.g. 9 Draw desks 5'x3'.
Fully restored and leathered by craftsman.
Starting From £1,200 - £3000
Tel 081 968 7383 (business), 071 352 8559.(private)

JEWELLERY WANTED
For your FREE valuation with no obligation please call or send by registered post to:
Duncan Semmens (NAG Valuer)
Young & Stephens
1 Burlington Gardens, London W1X 1LD
Tel: 071-499 7927, Fax: 071-495 0578

RUSSELL FLINT Ray £950. Incoming Tide £800. Little Sewing Girl £700. Rococo £700. Gossip St Jeannet £800. Tel 0895 832497.

To Place Your Advertisement
☎
Trade: 071-481 1920
Private: 071-481 4000

SATURDAY RENDEZVOUS

Fax Numbers:
071-481 9313
071-782 7828

EXECUTIVE CLUB
TOP PEOPLE
Use their own exclusive organisation, almost certainly the UK's largest introduction and social organisation for professionals. Selective membership, of course, secretaries to millionaires £18 to £2,000.
081 763 1799
0323 490666
24 hrs just listen!
NEXT Social event:
We now have regular buffet dances at a West End nightclub. Entry of course restricted.
details 0323 490636 24 hrs
OR AT £1,650
You would expect an introduction service to be truly outstanding - we agree
0273 584946 24 hrs

WARM HEARTED & CARING
Widow (48) mother of two teenagers boarding, financially secure, in business, keen golfer with lovely home 1 1/2 hrs S.E. of London, would like to meet mature, generous and educated man (widowed or divorced), also financially secure, to enjoy life/holidays, interest with.
All replies treated with strictest confidence.
Photo appreciated.
Please Reply to Box No 3528

ATTRACTIVE Successful woman early thirties, seeks kind, humorous man with a view to long-term commitment. Please Reply to Box No 3522

CAMBRIDGE based Scot, 20, seeks Belle Amie. Please Reply to Box No 3536.

CHOICES JEWISH Introductions (Est 8 years) offers a successful, personal and confidential service to discerning people. Phone Suzanne anytime 081 203 4661

CIVILISED, Attractive, loyal man, early 50's, seeks lady. London/ East Anglia. Please Reply to Box No 3488

CLIVE JAMES Mind. Sean Connery looks: optimistic woman graduate would like to meet warm, witty, well-read, unattached man 48-56 Please Reply to Box No 3511

COMPANY DIRECTOR Mid-50's. Divorced. Public School. Flat Knightsbridge. Wishes to meet smart attractive lady similar background. Please Reply to Box No 3540

CULTURED attractive, slim lady with style enjoys the arts, travel, gardens seeks sincere man 60ish with warmth humour charm. n/s. Box 3554

DORSET based Oxford graduate, considerate, witty, loyal, 56, seeks attractive good natured woman under 50. Box No 3544

EAST MIDLANDS Lovely lady needed for intelligent conversation & laughter with attractive, happy 34 year old business entrepreneur. Go on be adventurous! Reply to Box No 3514.

GENTLEMAN, tall, slim, 60+ seeks lady's company for music, theatre and travel. Glos/Oxon based. Please Reply to Box No 3526.

GREEN FINGERED Woman. Talents not fully stretched in London, seeks country garden (and companionable owner) in need of tender loving care. Reply to Box No 3545

HANDSOME Male graduate 25, likes outdoors, sports. Seeks attractive warm female n/s. Please reply to box no 3504

HEATHER JENNER - The Marriage Bureau (est. 1939 Member SMB.) Why not let our experience help you find a partner? 124 New Bond St, W1. 071-629 9634.

The Picture Dating Agency
Meet that special someone for Summer. We will send you introductions with photos.
'This Picture Dating idea is brilliant'
Capital Radio 11/2/91
For details of our successful service for professional people call:
071-734 5567 (day)
081-297 1424 (anytime)

No Strings Attached
won't date or marry you off but will find you lots of friends, expand your social life and take you on holiday.
For more information on the
No Strings Attached Network
phone & speak to Gwen on
081 455 4703.

HEDI FISHER Introductions. High class clientele. 45/46 Chalk Farm Rd, NW1 071-267 6066. W/E 081- 883 0401. Men 40-65 esp. in demand

INTERNATIONAL lady 50+, London, attractive, refined is looking for gentleman companion for theatre, cinema, outdoor activities, travel and fun. Please Reply to Box No 3579

KIND Considerate Prof. Male. (44) Divorced. Resides Kent. Seeks petite female for social activities. Photo appreciated. Please Reply to Box No 3550

LADY (mid 60's) with pleasant active lifestyle and wide cultural interests would appreciate close loving friendship with male counterpart. Please Reply to Box No 3589

LONGEVITY. I aim to live to 150, now 70+. If you are likeminded write in confidence to box No 3472

MARRIED man seeks married woman for caring mutual support. City but go anywhere for right lady. 40/60. Please reply to Box No 3586.

AHMED would like to meet intelligent Arab lady 30's/40's for permanent relationship in view to marriage. Please Reply to Box No 3500

ALONE On holiday - that's no fun. DayDreams organise schooner parties and group holidays for discerning travellers. Why not join one, enjoy good company and make new friends. DayDreams Travel for details 071 637 8921/631 4436

A PERFECT MATCH - Dinner Parties for single business and professional people. Join us and make new friends of the opposite sex. Call 071-722 7209.

ABUNDANCE OF STUNNING LADIES
shortage of nice men!
Candleburners
has some super chaps already but you get snapped up very quickly so we always need more!
Personal introductions and exciting events for attractive, well educated, professional people.
071 371 5535

Dear Helen,
As one of the founding club members of Connections it occurred to me that I'd never formally expressed my thanks to you for all the good times I've had at Connections' events – long may they continue!
Last week's club drinks in Belgravia was up to the usual standard, plenty of bright, interesting men and women of all ages and even more new people who fitted in right away and had a really fine time.
In fact I took our new member Jane to dinner just yesterday and she said how immediately at ease she felt at her first club night. We do look after our new members don't we!
See you at the champagne brunch next week and thanks for everything
All best wishes
Charles
For more details call 071-589 4567
CONNECTIONS
'The start of something good'

ELEGANT EVENINGS
Wonderful yet affordable dinner parties, dinner-dances and champagne/black-tie events in the company of stimulating, discerning, culturally conscious, professional single people at sophisticated venues.
081 886 4062/
081 886 6147

ATTRACTIVE Lady. Capable cultured divorcee, 48, public school, cordon bleu, family orientated. Interests: Horticulture, viticulture, the arts, travelling and novels by Trollope. Please Reply to Box No 3535.

BONDS OF KNIGHTSBRIDGE look forward to a new future with a new partner whatever your age. Bonds can match. 071 828 8667, 071 581 1805 (Member of WAIA)

BRIGHT Beautiful, sweet, brunette in London, 41 (divorced) seeks tender, well-bred, cultured man of similar age to add sparkle to life. Non-smoker. Letter, photo to Box No 3549

MICHAEL 46, single, caring, humorous, easy going, Frank Spencer qualities, would like to meet lady 34-44 with similar outlook. Photo appreciated. Please Reply to Box No 3548.

PROF CHAP. Fit fifties, house, sense of humour, seeks cultured companionable cuddly female 35-45, Central London. Please Reply to Box No 3588

SLIM, attractive and caring. Home loving and adventurous 56 year old woman. Enjoys country living and town pursuits - hillwalking and opera. Would like to meet delightful man 55-65 with established country life, possibly farmer. Intelligent and kind. Southern Counties or Midlands preferred. Photo please and details. Please Reply to Box No 3569

THE REVIVAL COURSE
A new, practical one-day course to help those who are single again, to re-motivate themselves.
If you seek new aims, new relationships, even to project a new image (if you need one), this day will be of immediate benefit.
Leave revitalised, having created your own action plan for revival.
For details and brochure, telephone 0276 858171
or write to
The Revival Course
PO Box 18, Chobham,
Woking GU24 8TR

SELECT GAY INTRODUCTIONS
A confidential, personal service for business, professionals. All clients interviewed. Ensure you ask reception for
NEW HORIZONS
Tel: 071-483-2281
(9am-5.30pm Mon-Fri)
071-586-1128 (24hrs)

PROPERTY EXECUTIVE 40, 5.10". Dark hair and moustache. 12 stone, own teeth, well groomed graduate. Single putative father with nanny. Enthusiastic, modest, romantic, resourceful, loyal and resilient. Enjoys work, the Deal, good living. Med sailing, rugby, children, country pubs, intimate dinners, walks, industrial architecture, photography, fireside and book, spritzers and real ale. Cheshire based but frequent traveller South. Seeks attractive compatible non-smoking moderate professional or career home loving lady. 26/40. Photo appreciated and exchanged. Please Reply to Box No 3492

SINGLE GOURMET CLUB Enjoy good food & great company at our fabulous dinner parties Call Janet 071-881 7007

SINGLES DINNER parties in Yorkshire. Midsummer Introductions. Leeds 0532 704806.

SOUTHERN - 6ft. 56 Graduate, professional, seeks young N/S, slim lady for company and to love. Reply to Box No 3574

SPECIAL man sought by warm, well-educated, attractive female. She is sensitive, intelligent, humorous and enjoys life - but knows everything is better when shared. If you are tall, professional/executive, 55+, London/Home Counties, who can offer warmth, integrity and humour, and are looking for a genuine relationship. Please Reply to Box No 3577

SUMAN MARRIAGE BUREAU 081-574 4867. Mixed Asian, European intro arranged.

"THE ULTIMATE in small, made-to-measure marriage bureaux" (S.Tel.) Est. 1960, Katharine Allen, 18 Thayer St, London W1M 5LD. Tel: 071-935 3115

TWO Teenagers are looking for a presentable man to escort their mother to country and cultural pursuits. Reply to Box No 3473

WHERE TOGETHERNESS COUNTS
Not just another dating agency!
If time weighs heavily on your hands, and you need a meaningful relationship, Contact Rendezvous today, we are dedicated to fulfilling your objectives by being different!
NEW RELATIONSHIPS CLOSE TO HOME
AGE HAS NO BARRIERS
AN EXCLUSIVE CLUB
SOCIAL ACTIVITIES
BETTER SECURITY
LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP
Write for a brochure today!
Rendezvous
FREEPOST 401
Maidstone, Kent ME15 8BR
Tel No:0622 861247
Offices at London, Sevenoaks and Maidstone
HELPING YOU TO MAKE IT HAPPEN

Duo Introductions
ALONE!
WE HAVE THE ANSWER
People of your age in your area are looking for someone like you
Call Duo Introductions on 081 904 1396
St. James' House,
105-113 The Broadway,
Ealing, London W13 9BL
" ONLY ONE FEE — NO HIDDEN EXTRAS "

ARE YOU STRONG WILLED, successful, financially secure? Then contact me. Successful bus. woman, living in Cheshire who wishes to enhance her private life. No time for the single circuit. Enjoys exotic hols, interesting and social homelife. View to long term relationship. Age grp 40+. No time wasters pls. Photo and telephone number appreciated. Please Reply to Box No 3516

WARM, responsible lady sought by graduate, 35, central London. Tastes: Love, home, children, brains. Thatcher. Box No 3673

WHY DINE ALONE when you can dine with friends. The Great Company Dining Club for single 30-50's meets five times a month in London, Manchester, Bristol and Birmingham. 071-287 4640 (24 hrs)

WIDOWER SURREY/London border with Ford Car and lifestyle, 65, a stocky 5'7" so seeks cuddly rather than slim lady to share interests in books, gardens and wildlife. Box No 3486

WIDOW invites gentleman share house + expenses. Norfolk/ France. Replies. box no 3499.

TIMES NEWSPAPERS LTD. reserves the right to refuse any advertisement put forward for publication in these columns. The use of a Box number is recommended when advertising. Before replying to any advertisement in these columns, please take all normal precautionary measures, as Times Newspapers Ltd. cannot be held responsible for any action or loss resulting from an advertisement carried in these columns.

AND AS THEY WALKED wet pavements winked in neon lights. Old friends turn and smile while starlings wash the purple dusk with memories of moments shared. Breath comes soft as silent pools. Fingers touch, hands hold, something stirs. That's TWO We understand. Call us at Bond Street.
071 493 4413
TWO
SELECTIVE INTRODUCTIONS

DRAWING DOWN THE MOON
The thinking person's introduction agency.
"An upmarket, personalised service" The Times
For professional, creative and business people living in London and S. East
For a friendly consultation phone today
071 937 8880, 938 2151
Established 1984.
Member ABIA

As recommended by BBC2's FOOD & DRINK, Thames Reports and LWT's 6 O'CLOCK LIVE
DINNER DATES
We give wonderful dinner parties at sophisticated West End venues for discerning single people. Stringfellows, The Savoy, The White House etc etc. Meet equal numbers of men and women of similar ages and interests.
081-741 1252
081-748 3448, 081-741 1173

ATTRACTIVE Filipino lady tall slim seeks intelligent successful caring man 40-50 n/s. Phone, photo appreciated. Box 3565.

ALL BOX NO REPLIES SHOULD BE SENT TO:
BOX No.....
BOX NO. DEPT
P.O. BOX 484
VIRGINIA STREET,
WAPPING
LONDON
E1 9DD

THE TIMES
SATURDAY RENDEZVOUS
appears every Saturday.
Trade: 071-481 1920
Private: 071-481 4000
Fax: 071-782 7828

To Place Your Advertisement
☎
071-481 1920

ENTERTAINMENTS

Fax Numbers:
071-481 9313
071-782 7828

VICTOR HOCHHAUSER presents at the BARBICAN

FRIDAY NEXT 3 MAY at 7.45

FAMOUS CLASSICS

NATIONAL SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
Conductor: *ANTHONY INGLIS* Piano: *PHILIP MARTIN*

RIMSKY-KORSAKOV .... SCHEHERAZADE
TCHAIKOVSKY .... PIANO CONCERTO No 1
RAVEL .... BOLERO

£7.50 £9.50 £11.50 £13.50 £15.50 £17.50 071 638 8891

SUNDAY 12 MAY at 7.30

POPULAR CLASSICS

LONDON FESTIVAL ORCHESTRA
Conductor *ROSS POPLE* Clarinet: *THEA KING*

HANDEL .... WATER MUSIC SUITE
MOZART .... EINE KLEINE NACHTMUSIK
MOZART .... CLARINET CONCERTO
BEETHOVEN .... SYMPHONY No 3 "EROICA"

£7.50 £9.50 £11.50 £13.50 £15.50 £17.50 071 638 8891

AT THE ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL

BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 6 MAY at 7.30

VERDI & PUCCINI GALA OPERA NIGHT

NATIONAL SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA Cond: *DAVID COLEMAN*
FANFARE TRUMPETERS OF THE IRISH GUARDS
LONDON CHORALE
Soprano *SUSAN BULLOCK* Tenor *ANTHONY MEE*

Overture **THE FORCE OF DESTINY**, One fine day **MADAM BUTTERFLY**, Chorus of the Hebrew Slaves **NABUCCO**, Celeste Aida **AIDA**, Humming Chorus & Intermezzo **MADAM BUTTERFLY**, Che gelida manina, Si, mi chiamano Mimi & O soave fanciulla **LA BOHEME**, Nessun dorma & Final Scene **TURANDOT**, Duet **MADAM BUTTERFLY**, Anvil Chorus **IL TROVATORE**, La donna e mobile **RIGOLETTO**, Prelude **LA TRAVIATA**, Vissi d'arte & E lucevan le stelle **TOSCA**, Grand March & Ballet Music **AIDA**

£6.50 £7.50 £9.50 £12.50 £14.50 £16.50 £18.50 071-928 8800

SATURDAY 11 MAY at 7.30

CLASSICAL GREATS

ROYAL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA
Cond: *TOLGA KASHIF* Piano: *JOHN BINGHAM*

MENDELSSOHN .... OVERTURE, "FINGAL'S CAVE"
ALBINONI .... ADAGIO FOR STRINGS
GRIEG .... PIANO CONCERTO
BEETHOVEN .... SYMPHONY No 6 "PASTORAL"

£6.50 £7.50 £9.50 £12.50 £14.50 £16.50 £18.50 071 928 8800

at the ROYAL ALBERT HALL

SUNDAY 9 JUNE at 7.30

GRAND OPERA GALA

NATIONAL SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
Conductor: **CHARLES BARKER**
FANFARE TRUMPETERS OF THE ROYAL ARTILLERY
PRO MUSICA CHORUS ***LONDON CHORALE***
Soprano: *CHRISTINE BUNNING* Tenor: *BRUCE RANKIN*
Mezzo: *KATE McCARNEY* Baritone: *MICHAEL DE COSTA*

Ov., Largo al factotum & Una voce poco fa **BARBER OF SEVILLE**, Habanera & Chorus **CARMEN**, La donna e mobile & Quartet **RIGOLETTO**, Un bel di & Humming Chorus **MADAM BUTTERFLY**, Di Provenza & Matador's Chorus **LA TRAVIATA**, Nessun dorma & Final Scene **TURANDOT**, Prologue & Vesti la giubba **I PAGLIACCI**, Chorus of the Hebrew Slaves & Finale Act 2 **NABUCCO**, Softly awakes my heart **SAMSON & DALILAH**, Intermezzo **CAVALLERIA RUSTICANA**, Vissi d'arte & E lucevan le stelle **TOSCA**, Duet **THE PEARL FISHERS**, Casta Diva **NORMA**
GRAND MARCH & BALLET MUSIC FROM AIDA
WITH LONDON CITY BALLET

Royal Albert Hall Box Office & CC 071-589 8212 / 071-823 9998 / 071-225 0765 cc Hotline 071-379 4444 Open All Hours (24 Hrs) & usual agents

RPO

Royal Philharmonic Orchestra
Music Director **Vladimir Ashkenazy**

Barbican SPRING SERIES

YURI TEMIRKANOV

Wednesday 8 May 7.45pm
WEBER Overture, Der Freischutz
SIBELIUS Violin Concerto in D minor

Soloist
MIDORI
BERLIOZ Symphonie fantastique
Sponsored by Kodak

RPO

Friday 10 May 7.45pm
RACHMANINOV Piano Concerto No.2
RAVEL Daphnis and Chloé, Suite No.2
DEBUSSY La Mer
Soloist **MIKHAIL RUDY**
Part of the NEC International Series

Saturday 15 June 7.45pm
Popular **SPRING SERIES** Concert
including works by **SMETANA, DELIUS, RACHMANINOV, BARBER, BIZET, RAVEL**
Conductor **John Farrer**
Soloist **Craig Sheppard**
Tickets £18-£5

071 638 8891

BARBICAN HALL

071-638 8891 9AM - 8PM DAILY
Owned, funded and managed by the Corporation of the City of London

Seat prices available at time of going to press

Ton't 27 Apr 8.00pm	***PUCCINI GALA NIGHT*** London Concert Orch. Paul Wynne Griffiths cond. Eirian Davies, Susan McCulloch sops Adrian Martin, Kenneth Woollam tens. Eng. Concert Singers. Prog. inc excerpts *La Bohème, Tosca, Turandot, Madame Butterfly* £19.50 £17.50 £15.50 £11.50 £8.50 *Raymond Gubbay Ltd*
Tomor 28 Apr 7.30pm	**LONDON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA** Michael Tilson Thomas cond Frederica von Stade, Constance Hauman, Helen Field, Anne Howells, Alfreda Hodgson, Robert Tear, David Wilson-Johnson, Richard Van Allan, soloists London Symphony Chorus, Finchley Children's Music Group Britten: The Children's Crusade Ravel: L'Enfant et les Sortilèges (concert performance) *LSO Ltd* £25 £18.50 £14 £11 ONLY *SPONSORED BY NIKON UK LTD*
Mon 29 Apr 7.45pm	**THE CHAMBER ORCHESTRA OF EUROPE** Sandor Vegh Schneider cond. Douglas Boyd oboe Richard Hosford clarinet Matthew Wilkie bassoon Jonathan Williams horn Mozart: 5 Contradanses, K609; Sinfonia Concertante in E flat for oboe, clarinet, bassoon and horn K297b, Symphony No.29 in A, K201 Wolf: Italian Serenade £16 £13 £10 £7.50 £5 *SPONSORED BY THE BOC GROUP* *Barbican Centre*
Tues 30 Apr 7.45pm	**CITY OF LONDON SINFONIA** Richard Hickox cond. Miriam Fried violin Mozart: Ov. and ballet music from *Idomeneo*; Violin Concerto No 4, K218; Violin Concerto No. 5, K219; Symphony No.35, K385 £18 £13 £11 £8 £5 *SPONSORED BY JOHN LAING CONSTRUCTION LTD*
Wed 1 May 7.45pm	**TORONTO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA** Gunter Herbig cond. Yuri Bashmet viola Luedeke: The North Wind's Gift (UK premiere) Bartok: Viola Concerto Brahms: Symphony No 1 £25 £18.50 £14 £12 £8 £5 *SPONSORED BY BRITISH GAS* Van Walsum Management
Sat 4 May	**KYUNG WHA CHUNG** violin & **STEPHEN KOVACEVICH** piano [illegible]
Mon 6 May 7.45pm	**A NIGHT AT THE COTTON CLUB** [illegible]
Wed 8 May 7.45pm	**ROYAL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA** Yuri Temirkanov [illegible]
Thur 9 May 7.45pm	**LONDON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA** Sir Georg Solti cond. [illegible]
Fri 10 May 7.45pm	**ROYAL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA** Yuri Temirkanov [illegible] PART OF THE NEC INTERNATIONAL SERIES

RAYMOND GUBBAY presents at the BARBICAN
Box Office/CC 071-638 8891

TONIGHT at 8 p.m.

PUCCINI - GALA NIGHT -

Che Gelida Manina, Si Mi Chiamano Mimi, O Soave Fanciulla from La Boheme; Un Bel Di, Love Duet, Humming Chorus from Madam Butterfly; Vissi D'Arte, Recondita Armonia, E Lucevan Le Stelle from Tosca; Che La Mi Credi from La Fanciulla del West; Intermezzo from Manon Lescaut; O Mio Babbino Caro from Gianni Schicci; In Questa Reggia, Nessun Dorma, Finale from Turandot
LONDON CONCERT ORCHESTRA
PAUL WYNNE GRIFFITHS conductor
EIRIAN DAVIES & SUSAN McCULLOCH sops.
ADRIAN MARTIN & KENNETH WOOLLAM tens.
ENGLISH CONCERT CHORUS
£8.50, £11.50, £15.50, £17.50, £19.50

SUNDAY 5 MAY at 7.30 p.m.

IGOR OISTRAKH

60th Birthday Concert

The great Russian violinist marking his 60th birthday joins the RPO for an evening of virtuoso violin works
MENDELSSOHN: The Hebrides Overture; Violin Concerto
BEETHOVEN: Romance in F major
MOZART: Violin Concerto No.3
TCHAIKOVSKY: Andante Cantabile
SAINT SAENS: Introduction & Rondo Capriccioso
ROYAL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA
NICHOLAS CLEOBURY conductor
Presented in assc. with The Daily Telegraph and Van Walsum Mgt
£7.50, £12.50, £17.50, £22.50, £27.50

SATURDAY 11 MAY at 8 p.m.

OPERA GALA NIGHT

ROSSINI: Overture, Figaro's Aria from The Barber of Seville; **VERDI:** Chorus of the Hebrew Slaves from Nabucco; Pace, Pace from The Force of Destiny; Grand March and Ballet Music, Ritorna Vincitor from Aida; **PUCCINI:** Nessun Dorma from Turandot; One Fine Day from Madam Butterfly; **MASCAGNI:** Intermezzo and Easter Hymn from Cavalleria Rusticana; **BIZET:** Entrance and Song of the Toreador, Flower Song from Carmen; Duet from The Pearl Fishers
LONDON CONCERT ORCHESTRA
PAUL WYNNE GRIFFITHS conductor
MARIE SLORACH soprano ALAN WOODROW tenor
RICHARD PAUL FINK baritone LONDON CHORAL SOCIETY
BAND OF THE IRISH GUARDS FANFARE TRUMPETERS
£8.50, £11.50, £15.50, £17.50, £19.50

SATURDAY 18 MAY at 8 p.m.
RICHARD TAUBER CENTENARY

THE MAGIC OF FRANZ LEHAR

A centenary tribute to the great tenor **Richard Tauber** with the glorious music of **Franz Lehar** including **You Are My Heart's Delight** from **Land of Smiles**; **Girls Were Made to Love and Kiss** from **Paganini**; **O Maiden, My Maiden** from **Frederica** & excerpts from **The Merry Widow, The Count of Luxembourg, The Czarevitch & Frasquita**
LONDON CONCERT ORCHESTRA
ROBIN STAPLETON conductor ANN MACKAY soprano
ARTHUR DAVIES tenor GEORGE MOSLEY baritone
£18.50, £16.50, £14.50, £11.50, £7.50

SUNDAY 19 MAY at 7.30 p.m.

GREAT CLASSICS

Dukas .... The Sorcerer's Apprentice
Grieg .... Piano Concerto in A minor
Tchaikovsky .... Symphony No.6 in B minor, Pathétique

CITY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
BRAMWELL TOVEY conductor
ANDREW WILDE violin
£8.50, £12.50, £15.50, £17.50, £19.50

SUNDAY 26 MAY at 7.30 p.m.

HENRY MANCINI

IN CONCERT with the ROYAL PHILHARMONIC POPS ORCHESTRA

A welcome return by the great American composer conducting a programme of his own music including **Pink Panther, Moon River, Charade, Baby Elephant Walk, Days of Wine & Roses, Two For The Road, The Thornbirds, Victor Victoria, Ten, Peter Gunn** & many more
£10, £12.50, £15, £17.50, £20, £22.50, £25

SATURDAY 1 JUNE at 8 p.m.

LET'S DO IT

A concert tribute to the great **COLE PORTER** born 100 years ago including such classics as **Night And Day, I Get A Kick Out Of You, You're The Top, Anything Goes, Every Time We Say Goodbye** and of course **Let's Do It**
ELAINE DELMAR, PAUL JONES
KEITH SMITH'S MANHATTAN CLUB ALLSTARS
THE MICK PYNE JAZZ TRIO
Introduced by BENNY GREEN
£7.50, £10.50, £13.50, £15.50, £17.50

at the ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL
Box Office/CC 071-928 8800

SUNDAY 12 MAY at 7.30 p.m.

THE FOUR SEASONS

MOZART .... Eine kleine Nachtmusik
MOZART .... Clarinet Concerto
HANDEL .... Water Music Suite
VIVALDI .... The Four Seasons

CITY OF LONDON SINFONIA
ANDREW WATKINSON director/violin JACK BRYMER clarinet
£6.50, £8.50, £10.50, £12.50, £14.50, £16.50, £18.50

at the ROYAL ALBERT HALL
SUNDAY 23 JUNE at 7.30 p.m.
CARL ORFF'S MASTERPIECE

CARMINA BURANA

SAINT-SAENS Symphony No.3 (Organ)
ROYAL PHILHARMONIC OPERA ORCHESTRA
NICHOLAS CLEOBURY conductor
MARILYN HILL SMITH soprano
BONAVENTURA BOTTONE tenor
JASON HOWARD baritone
200 VOICES OF THE LONDON CHORAL SOCIETY & GOLDSMITH'S CHORAL UNION
SOUTHEND BOYS CHOIR
JOHN BIRCH organ
Tickets from ROYAL ALBERT HALL BOX OFFICE 071-589 8212 (Access or Visa) ALL CREDIT CARDS ON 071-835 2428 - 24hr BOOKING PLUS BOOKING FEE

OPERA & BALLET

COLISEUM 071 836 3161 cc 071 240 5258 cc 1st Call 071 240 7200 (24hr / 7 day) 071 379 4444
ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA Ton't 7.00 **DON GIOVANNI** Mon 7.30 **PETER GRIMES**

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE 071 240 1066 / 1911. Standby info 836 6903. S CC 65 amphi seats avail on the day.
THE ROYAL OPERA Mon 7.00 **Carmen THE ROYAL BALLET** Ton't 7.30 Agon/A Month in the Country/Requiem

SADLER'S WELLS 071 278 8916 First Call 24hrs 7 days 240 7200 Until 4 May. Eves 7.30pm **LINDSAY KEMP** in **ONNAGATA**

THEATRES

ADELPHI 071 836 7611 CC 071 793 1000/071 379 4444 First Call 24hr cc 071 497 9977 (no bkg fee) Grps 071 930 6123
NOW BOOKING TO SEPT
ME AND MY GIRL
THE LAMBETH WALK MUSICAL
[illegible]

ALDWYCH BO/CC 071-836 6404 Also CC (no bkg fee): 071-836 2428 071 793 1000 379 4444
ENGLISH SHAKESPEARE COMPANY
THE WINTER'S TALE Today 2.30pm, Mon, Tues, 7.30pm **CORIOLANUS** Tomor 7.30pm, Thu, Fri 7.30
"The best thing the ESC has yet done" Guardian

APOLLO Box Office/CC/Grps 071 437 2663 CC 793 1000 (no bkg fee)/379 4444/836 2428(bkg fee)
SIMON CADELL **SU POLLARD** **JANE HOW** **JOHN QUAYLE**
IN LONDON'S LAUGHTER HIT
DON'T DRESS FOR DINNER
"BREATHTAKING FARCE... near faultless piece of theatrical invention" Gdn
"A SAUCY COMEDY" E. Standard
Mon-Fri 8pm. Wed mat 3pm. Sat 5pm & 8.30

APOLLO VICTORIA SS 071 828 8665 cc 630 6262 Grps 828 6188 cc 24hr 379 4444/240 7200 071 793 1000 Grps 930 6123
Eves 7.45 Mats Tue & Sat 3.0 [illegible]

THE PHILHARMONIA

South Bank logo.

SOUTH BANK

Tel/CC 071-928 8800 First Call 071-240 7200 (Bkg fee)

ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL

Sat 27 Apr 7.30	**RUSSIAN SPRING BBC Philharmonic Orchestra,** Edward Downes (cond) Karine Georgian (cel) Prokofiev Sinfonia Concertante for cello and orchestra, Symphony No. 5. *Please note change of soloist.* £12, £10, £8, £6.50, £4.50 BBC/SBC
Sun 28 Apr 3.15	**RUSSIAN SPRING BBC Philharmonic Orchestra,** Edward Downes (conductor) Prokofiev Symphony No. 7, Symphony No. 6 £12, £10, £8, £6.50, £4.50 BBC/South Bank Centre
Sun 28 Apr 7.30	**THE LONDON PHILHARMONIC** Zubin Mehta (conductor) Cheryl Studer (soprano) Strauss Symphonic fragment from The Love of Danae; Four Last Songs; Alpine Symphony. RETURNS ONLY London Philharmonic Enterprises
Mon 29 Apr 7.30	**RUSSIAN SPRING** Moscow Radio Symphony Orchestra, Vladimir Fedoseyev (cond) Nikolai Demidenko (pno) Mussorgsky Prelude, Khovanshchina; Rachmaninov Piano Conc No. 2; Tchaikovsky Symphony No. 5. £18, £15, £12, £9, £6, £4 SBC
Tue 30 Apr 7.30	**RUSSIAN SPRING** Moscow Radio Symphony Orchestra, Vladimir Fedoseyev (cond) Shostakovich Symphony No. 5, Gubaydulina Offertorium for violin & orch (London prem); Scriabin Le poème de l'extase £18, £15, £12, £9, £6, £4 South Bank Centre
Wed 1 May 7.30	**THE PHILHARMONIA** Yuri Simonov (cond) Seta Tanyel (pno) **Collins Classics Series.** Wagner Ovt. Die Meistersinger; Tchaikovsky Piano Concerto No. 1, Beethoven Symphony No 7 £20, £18, £14, £10, £6, £3 (Concessions) Philharmonia Ltd
Thu 2 May 7.30	**RUSSIAN SPRING** The London Philharmonic, Kent Nagano (cond) Shura Cherkassky (piano) Anthony Rolfe Johnson (ten) Roslavets Aux heures de la nouvelle lune (1st perf); Prokofiev Piano Concerto No. 2; Stravinsky Persephone. £25, £18, £14, £10, £7, £4 L P Enterprises SBC
Fri 3 May 7.30	**THE PHILHARMONIA** Esa-Pekka Salonen (cond) Joshua Bell (vln) Eileen Hulse (sop) Knussen Symphony No. 3. Prokofiev Violin Concerto No. 2. Mahler Symphony No. 4. £20, £18, £14, £10, £6, £3 Philharmonia Ltd

QUEEN ELIZABETH HALL

Sat 27 Apr 7.45	**TWO 18th CENTURY CHORAL CLASSICS** The Wren Orchestra of London, Hilary Davan Wetton (cond) Mozart Serenata Notturna, K.239; Vesperae solennes de confessore, K.339; Haydn Heiligmesse. £10, £8.50, £7, £5.50 City of London Choir
Sun 28 Apr 7.45	**ALBERNI STRING QUARTET** Haydn Quartet in C, Op 76 No 3 (Emperor); Beethoven Quartet in F minor, Op 95 (Serioso); Dvořák Quartet in F minor, Op.96 (American). £12.50, £10.50, £8.50, £6.50, £5 London Society of Chamber Music
Mon 29 Apr 7.45	**NANA VASCONCELOS** The only British concert by the brilliant Brazilian percussionist, last seen in London with Jan Garbarek, and a selection of special guests. Sponsored by Jazz FM Radio £9.50, £8.50, £7.50 Serious Speakout
Tue 30 Apr 7.45	**BASICALLY BACH** London Bach Orchestra, Nicholas Kraemer (dir) Concertos for two, three and four harpsichords, BWV, 1061 1064 1065, Double Violin Concerto, BWV 1043; Violin Concerto in A minor, BWV 1041. £15, £12, £10, £7 London Bach Orchestra
Wed 1 May 7.45	**ENGLISH CHAMBER ORCHESTRA** Graeme Jenkins (dir) Bach Brandenburg Conc No 3; Conc in D min for oboe & vln BWV 1060; Mozart Violin Conc in D, K.218; Telemann Viola Conc in G. Mozart Symphony No 33 £14, £11, £7 ECO & Music Society
Thu 2 May 7.45	**JOHN ELIOT GARDINER CONDUCTS GLUCK** English Baroque Soloists, Derek Lee Ragin (Orfeo) Sylvia McNair (Euridice) Monteverdi Choir. Gluck Orfeo ed Euridice. RETURNS ONLY Monteverdi Choir & Orch
Fri 3 May 7.45	**INSURANCE ORCHESTRA** Philip White (cond) Frank Wibaut (pno) Brahms Tragic Ovt. Walton Two Pieces from Henry V. Saint-Saëns Piano Concerto No. 5 (Egyptian); Sibelius Symphony No. 5 £7, £5, £4 (ONLY) Insurance Orchestral Society

PURCELL ROOM

Sat 27 Apr 8.00	**WILLIAM MOERSCH** (marimba) **NANCY RUFFER** (flute) Alec Wilder Suite (1978), Debussy Syrinx Peter Klatzow Figures in a Landscape; Reich Vermont Counterpoint, Wks by Rodney Bennett, Takemitsu, Fitkin. £6, £4 Jennie Blythe Artists Mgt
Wed 1 May 8.00	**RUSSIAN SPRING** Arditti String Quartet. Roslavets Music for String Quartet (1st perf), Gubaydulina Quartet No 2; Firsova Amoroso, Op. 40; (Quartet No. 4) (London prem); Roslavets Quartet No. 3 (Brit prem); Schnittke Quartet No 2. £7.50, £6, £4.50 South Bank Centre

THE PHILHARMONIA

Royal Festival Hall
Box Office/CC 071-928 8800

FRIDAY 3 MAY at 7.30 pm
ESA-PEKKA SALONEN Cond.
JOSHUA BELL Violin
EILEEN HULSE Soprano

KNUSSEN	Symphony No. 3
PROKOFIEV	Violin Concerto No. 2
MAHLER	Symphony No. 4

Sponsored by Friends of The Philharmonia
Associate Sponsor — American Airlines

SUNDAY 5 & TUESDAY 7 MAY at 7.30 pm
CARLO MARIA GIULINI Cond.
MURRAY PERAHIA Piano

BRAHMS	Piano Concerto No. 2
BRAHMS	Symphony No. 2

Tickets: (3 May) £3, £6, £10, £14, £18, £20
(5 & 7 May) £5, £8, £14, £20, £25, £30 — some seats still available for 7th May

QUEEN ELIZABETH HALL TOMORROW at 7.45 pm

ALBERNI STRING QUARTET

HAYDN	Quartet in C, Op.76 No.3 (Emperor)
BEETHOVEN	Quartet in F min, Op.95 (Serioso)
DVORAK	Quartet in F min, Op.96 (American)

£12.50, £1.50, £8.50, £6.50, £5 Box Office/CC 071-928 8800
Presented by The London Society of Chamber Music

SARAH BRIGHTMAN
in
The Music of
ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER
with full orchestra and ensemble
12 PERFORMANCES ONLY FROM MAY 13TH
£30.00, £25.00, £15.00, £10.00
PRINCE EDWARD THEATRE 071-734 8951
First Call: 24hr 7 days C.C.
071-836 3464
Ticketmaster: 071-379 4444

COMEDY B.O. 071 867 1045/1111cc Also CC (no bkg fee) 071 379 4444/497 9977 793 1000
"STUNNING...POWERFUL" Mail
THE PETER HALL COMPANY
WARREN MITCHELL CHERIE LUNGHI
The HOMECOMING
by HAROLD PINTER
Directed by Peter Hall
Eves 8.0 Mats Wed 3.0 Sat 5.0
FINAL FEW WEEKS

DRURY LANE THEATRE ROYAL cc (Bkg fee) 24hr 7 days 071-379 4444/240 7200/793 1000 Grps 831 8625
INFO + AVAIL 0839 333870
MISS SAIGON
"MUSICALS COME AND GO THIS ONE WILL STAY" S Tms
Eves 7.45 Mats Wed & Sat 3pm
CHECK DAILY FOR RETURNS AND CANCELLATIONS.
Latecomers not admitted until the interval. A FEW GOOD SEATS STILL AVAIL. FOR MIDWEEK MATS. APPLY TO BOX OFFICE. NOW BOOKING UNTIL 30 SEPT 1991. FOR TELEPHONE/POSTAL BOOKINGS/PERSONAL CALLERS (071 836 8108)

DUCHESS 071-836 8243 cc 071-379 4444/071-793 1000 (no bkg fee) 071-240 7200 (bkg fee) Groups 071-930 6123
5th RECORD BREAKING YEAR
Theatre of Comedy Company in RAY COONEY'S "HILARIOUS" (S.Times)
RUN FOR YOUR WIFE!
8.00 nightly Sats 5.30 & 8.30 Thu. Mat. 2.30

DUKE OF YORKS BO & cc 836 5122 cc 836 9837 cc 836 3464/379 4444/793 1000
COMEDY OF THE YEAR
Olivier Awards 1988
KATE FITZGERALD
in WILLY RUSSELL'S "GEM"
SHIRLEY VALENTINE
Eves 8 Mats Thu 3, Sat 5
"The audience roars approval. Shirley's spell is unbreakable"
[illegible]

GARRICK BO & CC 071 379 6107 cc 379 4444 (no bkg fee) 240 7200/793 1000 (bkg fee) Grps 930 6123
THE REHEARSAL
by JEAN ANOUILH
"THEATRICAL CAVIAR" USA Today
Eves 7.45 Sat 4 & 8 Mat Tue 3

GREENWICH THEATRE 081 858 7755 Eves 7.45 Mats Sat 2.30 "Timothy Spall A Splendid Performance" Times and Patrick O'Connell in Ronald Eyre's new version of Gogol's **THE GOVERNMENT INSPECTOR**

HAYMARKET THEATRE ROYAL B.O. 071 930 8800 cc 24hr Hotline 071 497 9977 (bkg fee) 071 379 4444 (bkg fee) 071 793 1000 (bkg fee)
"The hottest tickets in town" D.Exp
"Dawn French is the funniest woman in Britain" Evg Std.
DAWN FRENCH IN SILLY COW
BY BEN ELTON
MON - THUR EVEN 8.00 pm. FRI and SAT EVEN 8.45 pm MATS SAT 5.30 pm

HER MAJESTY'S 24hr CC 379-4444 497-9977 (bkg fee) Group Sales 930-6123
ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER'S AWARD WINNING MUSICAL
THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA
DAVE WILLETTS
JILL WASHINGTON MICHAEL CORMICK
Iren Bartok plays Christine at certain performances
Directed by HAROLD PRINCE
Eves 7.45 Mats Wed & Sat 3
NOW BOOKING FROM OCT 1991 TO MARCH 1992 by phone, post & at the theatre

LONDON PALLADIUM B/O & CC 071 497 9977 (24hrs), 071-437 7373 071-379 4444 [illegible]

City of Westminster

WIGMORE HALL

36 Wigmore Street London W1H 9DF
Director William Lyne MBE Box office 071 935 2141 Mailing list £4

Saturday 27 April NB:starting time: 7pm	**ANDRAS SCHIFF** piano. London Pianoforte Series. Bach Series last of 4 concerts. JS Bach: The Well-tempered Clavier Book 2:24 Preludes and Fugues BWV870-893. There will be 2 intervals at this performance. £15.00, £12.50 (all others sold) HoM
Sunday 28 April 11.30 am	**OLLI MUSTONEN** piano. Sunday Morning Coffee Concert. Tchaikovsky: Children's Album Op.39; Beethoven: 12 Variations on a Russian dance from Wranitzky's "Das Waldmädchen"; Sonata No. 30 in E Op. 109. £5 including programme & coffee/sherry/juice.
Sunday 28 April NB:starting time: 7pm	**VICTORIA DE LOS ANGELES** soprano, **GEOFFREY PARSONS** piano Song Recital Series. Five centuries of Spanish Songs. £15.00, £12.50, £10.00 (all others sold) Basil Douglas Artists' Mgt
Monday 29 April 7.30 pm	**COLIN STONE** piano. Ravel: Valses nobles et sentimentales (1911); Brahms: 3 Intermezzi Op. 117; Beethoven: 33 Variations on a Waltz by Diabelli Op. 120. £10, £8, £6, £5
Tuesday 30 April 7.30 pm	**JOSEF SUK** violin, **GORDON BACK** piano. International Chamber Music Series. Dvořák 150th Anniversary Concert. Dvořák: Sonatina in G Op. 100; Sonata in F Op. 57; 4 Romantic Pieces Op. 75; Ballade in D minor Op. 15; Nocturne in B Op. 40; Mazurek Op. 49. £9.00, £7.50, £6.00, £4.50 HoM
Wednesday 1 May 7.30 pm	**NICOLAI GEDDA** tenor CONCERT CANCELLED due to sickness Ticket money refunded on receipt of ticket Jane Gray
Thursday 2 May 7.30 pm	**NIKOLAI DEMIDENKO:** London Pianoforte Series. Chopin: 3 Polonaises; Polonaise-Fantasy Op. 61; Prokofiev: Visions Fugitives Op.22; Liszt: Variations on a theme by Bach; Legende No. 1; Scherzo & March. £9.00, £7.50, £6.00, £4.50 Georgina Ivor Associates
Friday 3 May 7.30 pm	**LOWRI BLAKE** cello, **CAROLINE PALMER** piano. Saint-Saëns: Sonata No. 2 in F Op. 123; Diana Burrell: Heron (1st London perf); Rachmaninov: Vocalise Op. 34; Sonata in G minor Op. 19. £9.00, £7.50, £6.00, £4.50 PAG Artists UK Ltd
Saturday 4 May 7.30 pm	**JOSHUA BELL** violin, **JONATHAN FELDMAN** piano. International Chamber Music Series. Brahms: Sonata in A Op. 100; Schubert: Fantasie in C D934; Arvo Pärt: Fratres; Grieg: Sonata in C minor Op. 45. £9.00, £7.50, £6.00, £4.50 HoM
Sunday 5 May 11.30 am	**GAUDIER ENSEMBLE.** Sunday Morning Coffee Concert. Schubert: Octet in F D803. £5 including programme & coffee/sherry/juice.
Sunday 5 May NB:starting time: 7 pm	**SPANISH CONNECTION.** Nicola Meecham piano / Hand Dupré Duo guitars. Albéniz: Iberia Book 1; Mantos: 4 South American Pictures; Mompou: Impresiones intimas; Ginastera: Piano Sonata No. 1 Op. 22; Guitar duos by Machado, Colin Hand (1st perf), Brouwer & Zenamon (1st London perf). £8, £7, £6, £5 Kantor Concert Management
Tuesday 7 May 7.30 pm	**GRIEG TRIO.** 1991 Parkhouse Award Concert. Grieg: Andante in C minor (1878); Mozart: Piano Trio in G K564; Frank Martin: Trio on Irish Folk Tunes (1925); Brahms: Trio in C Op. 87. £9.00, £7.50, £6.00, £4.50 Sponsored by Smith Associates Ltd/Events Etc
Wednesday 8 May 7.30 pm	**ENDELLION QUARTET.** Beethoven Cycle 1st of 6 concerts. Beethoven: String Quartets Op. 18 No. 4 in C minor; Op. 74 in E flat "The Harp"; Op. 130 in B flat (played with Beethoven's alternative finale). £9.00, £7.50, £6.00, £4.50 Hazard Chase Ltd
Thursday 9 May 7.30 pm	**PATRICIA ROZARIO** soprano, **HELMUT DEUTSCH** piano. Falla: Seven Spanish Popular Songs; Songs by Schubert, Mendelssohn, Richard Strauss & Fauré. £8, £7, £6, £5 Lies Askonas Ltd
Friday 10 May 7.30 pm	**GAUDIER ENSEMBLE, ALEXANDER BAILLIE** cello. Mozart: Horn Quintet in E flat K407 (Jonathan Williams horn); Weber: Clarinet Quintet in B flat Op. 34 (Richard Hosford clarinet); Schubert: String Quintet in C D956. £9.00, £7.50, £6.00, £4.50 Sue Lubbock Concert Mgt

GLYNDEBOURNE

Festival Opera
with the London Philharmonic
and The Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment

21 May - 23 August 1991

All performances SOLD OUT
Possible odd single tickets only
Returns occasionally available at short notice during the season

Box Office Glyndebourne Lewes
Sussex BN8 5UU
Personal & telephone enquiries from May 1
0273 541111

LYRIC, Shaftesbury Ave Bo & cc 071 494 5045 cc 379 4444 All 1st Eves 24hr/7 days (bkg fee)
"SONG & DANCE DYNAMITE" Daily Mail
FIVE GUYS NAMED MOE
THE OLIVIER AWARD WINNING MUSICAL
OUTSTANDING ENTERTAINMENT OF THE YEAR
BEST CHOREOGRAPHER
Charles Augins
"A JOYOUS WALLOPING HIT" Guardian
Mon-Fri 8.00 Sat at 6.00 & 8.45
NOW BOOKING TO JAN 92
APPLY DAILY FOR RETURNS AND CANCELLATIONS

LYRIC HAMMERSMITH 081 741 2311 (cc no bkg fee 071 836 3464) IBSEN SEASON Theatr Clwyd's **ENEMY OF THE PEOPLE** "Brilliant adaptation" S.T. 4 & 7.45. STUDIO Tenebrae's **GHOSTS** 4.30 & 8pm - LAST PERFS

NATIONAL THEATRE BO 071 928 2252; Grps 071 620 0741; 24 hr cc bkg fee 071 497 9977
OLIVIER
Ton't Mon 7.15 (PREVIEWS) **THE MISER** by Molière
LYTTELTON
Today 2.15 & 7.30 Mon 7.30 **THE TRIAL** by Kafka adapted by Berkoff
COTTESLOE
Today 2.30 & 7.30 Mon 7.30 **BLACK SNOW** by Dewhurst

NEW LONDON Drury Lane WC2 BO 071 405 0072 CC 404 4079 Grps 405 1567 (All above - tel numbers avail from Sept) All Hrs 379 4444 Tkts from W H Smith Travel Branches (Grp bkg) 930 6123
THE ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER /T.S. ELIOT INTERNATIONAL AWARD WINNING MUSICAL
CATS
Eves 7.45 Tue & Sat 3.00 & 7.45
LATECOMERS NOT ADMITTED WHILE AUDITORIUM IS IN MOTION. PLEASE BE PROMPT. Bars open at 6.45
NOW BOOKING THRU OCT
SEATS NOW AVAIL

OLD VIC 071 928 7616 or 071 793 0600 (agency no fee) cc (all with bkg fee) 071 793 1000/379 4444/497 9977 Eves 7.45 Wed & Sat Mats 3 pm
"THE MUSICAL HIT OF THE YEAR" Int Herald Tribune
OSCAR HAMMERSTEIN II's
CARMEN JONES
"BIZET'S MUSIC SUNG BY A STUNNING CAST" Standard
Directed by Simon Callow
"SIZZLES WITH EXPLOSIVE PASSION" Today
"BY FAR THE BEST MUSICAL IN TOWN" Daily Telegraph
"MAGIC" Time Out

PALACE THEATRE 071-434 0909 cc 24hrs (bkg fee) 071-379 4444/497 9977/793 1000 Group Sales 071-930 6123 Grps 071-494 1671
THE WORLD'S MOST POPULAR MUSICAL
LES MISERABLES
THE MUSICAL SENSATION
Eves 7.30 Mats Thu & Sat 2.30
Latecomers not admitted until the interval
NOW BOOKING THRU MARCH 92
APPLY TO BOX OFFICE DAILY FOR RETURNS/CANCELLATIONS

PHOENIX BO & cc 071 867 1044 cc 379 4444 (no fee) 793 1000/497 9977
BEST PLAY
OLIVIER/SWET AWARDS '91
DANCING AT LUGHNASA
"Poignant, Hilarious & spell-binding" Sunday Times. Brian Friel's new masterpiece "ASTONISHING" D Express. Mon-Sat 8 Mats Thur 3.0 Sat 4.0

PICCADILLY 071 867 1118 cc no bkg fee: 867 1111/071 793 1000 071 379 4444 (24hrs)/bkg fee: 071 497 9977 (24hrs) Groups 071-930 6123 RICHARD O'BRIEN'S [illegible]

PRINCE OF WALES BO 071 839 5972 CC 24hr 7 Day 836 3464 24hr 379 6131 (bkg fee) 793 1000 Grps 930 6123
ASPECTS OF LOVE
"ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER'S BEST" D.Tel
Lyrics by DON BLACK & CHARLES HART
Directed by TREVOR NUNN
Eves 7.45 Mats Wed & Sat 3.0
NOW BOOKING TO APRIL 1992

PRINCE EDWARD 071 734 8951 cc 24 hr (bkg fee) 836 3464/379 4444/793 1000
SARAH BRIGHTMAN in The Music of ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER With full Orchestra and Ensemble
"AN EXTRAORDINARILY POWERFUL EVENING" D Mail
12 perfs only from 13 May
Nightly at 8.00 pm

QUEENS 071-494 5040 cc 071 379 4444 (No bkg fee) 071-497 9977/071 793 1000 (bkg fee) Grps 071-930 6123 Mon-Fri 7.45 Wed Mat at 3 Sat 4.30 & 8
STEFANIE POWERS JOHN BARROWMAN & NICKY HENSON
MATADOR
"The New Mega-Musical" People
Directed by Elijah Moshinsky
"MATADOR IS MAGNIFICENT... MATADOR IS SPECTACULAR... MATADOR JE T'ADORE" D. Exp

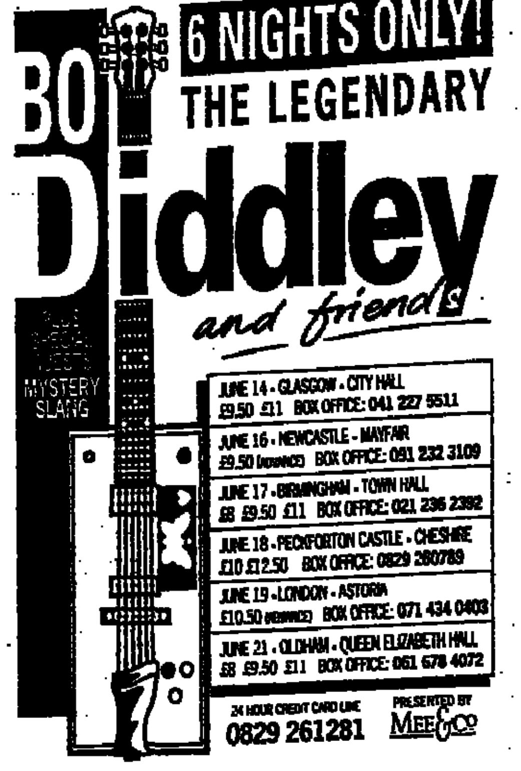
ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY LONDON 071 638 8891 cc Mon-Sun 9am-8pm
BARBICAN THEATRE
KING LEAR Ton't 7.30
THE PIT: **EDWARD II** Today 2.00 & 7.30
STRATFORD UPON AVON 0789 295623 cc Mon-Sat 9am-8pm
ROYAL SHAKESPEARE THEATRE
TWELFTH NIGHT Today 1.30
HENRY IV, PART 1 Ton't 7.30
THE SWAN: **THE TWO GENTLEMEN OF VERONA** Today 1.30, **THE VIRTUOSO** Ton't 7.30
Meal/Ticket/Hotel package 0789 414999. RSC's 24hr box office (bkg fee) 071 497 9977

ROYAL COURT THEATRE 071-730 1745 cc 071-836 2428 - **TOP GIRLS** by Caryl Churchill Eves at 8.00. Sat Mat at 4.00

SADLER'S WELLS 071-278 8916
Returning to London by popular demand
SUSAN HAMPSHIRE DAVID YIP
in Rodgers & Hammerstein's
THE KING AND I
"MAGIC" D. Mail
"SUMPTUOUS" Times - "ELEGANT" D. Exp
Eves 7.30, Wed & Sat mats 2.30 GROUP SALES 071-930 6123 credit cards (bkg fee) Fri & Sat perfs only 793 1000/379 4444
LIMITED SEASON 4 JUNE TO 13 JULY

SHAFTESBURY cc 071-379 5399 cc (no bkg fee) 071-379 4444 /497 9977/793 1000 Group Sales 071 930 6123
"THE TRIUMPHANT RETURN OF" D.Exp
PETER O'TOOLE
in "THE COMEDY OF THE YEAR" E. Std Drama Award
JEFFREY BERNARD IS UNWELL
by Keith Waterhouse
directed by Ned Sherrin
Eves 8.30pm, Sat 5 & 8.30pm
ONLY 5 MORE WEEKS!

ST MARTIN'S 071-836 1443. Special CC No. 379 4444. Evgs 8.0 Tues 2.45. Sat 5.0 and 8.0 39th Year of Agatha Christie's **THE MOUSETRAP**



6 NIGHTS ONLY!
THE LEGENDARY
BO Diddley *and friends*

JUNE 14 • GLASGOW • CITY HALL	£9.50 £11 BOX OFFICE: 041 227 5511
JUNE 16 • NEWCASTLE • MAYFAIR	£9.50 (advance) BOX OFFICE: 091 232 3109
JUNE 17 • BIRMINGHAM • TOWN HALL	£8 £9.50 £11 BOX OFFICE: 021 236 2392
JUNE 18 • PECKFORTON CASTLE • CHESHIRE	£10 £12.50 BOX OFFICE: 0829 260789
JUNE 19 • LONDON • ASTORIA	£10.50 (advance) BOX OFFICE: 071 434 0403
JUNE 21 • OLDHAM • QUEEN ELIZABETH HALL	£8 £9.50 £11 BOX OFFICE: 061 678 4072

24 HOUR CREDIT CARD LINE 0829 261281 PRESENTED BY MEE & CO

Barbican Hall Tuesday 30 April at 7.45 pm

CITY of LONDON SINFONIA

MOZART

OVERTURE & BALLET MUSIC from IDOMENEO
VIOLIN CONCERTOS Nos 4 in D & 5 in A
SYMPHONY No. 35 in D (HAFFNER)
RICHARD HICKOX conductor MIRIAM FRIED violin
£5, £8, £11, £13, £16 Box Office/CC 071-638 8891
Sponsored by John Laing Construction Ltd

Barbican Hall Wednesday 1 May 7.45 pm
Van Walsum Management presents

TORONTO SYMPHONY

GUNTHER HERBIG
music director
YURI BASHMET

LUEDEKE	The North Wind's Gift
BARTOK	Viola Concerto
BRAHMS	Symphony No. 1

sponsored by British Gas
Tickets: £5, £8, £12, £13, £18.50, £25 Box Office/CC 071-638 8891

STRAND BO & CC 071 240 0300 CC (Bkg Fee) 071 497 9977/071 379 4444/071 793 1000
DAVE ALLEN
"Wicked, Incisive" People
"Outrageously enjoyable" D.Exp
Mon-Sat 8pm LAST 2 WEEKS
SOME SEATS AVAILABLE MONDAYS - THURSDAYS

VAUDEVILLE BO & CC 836 9987 cc 793 1000 (no fee) & 24 hr cc 836 2428 / 379 4444 (bkg fee)
MAUREEN LIPMAN in
RE: JOYCE!
with DENIS KING
Directed by ALAN STRACHAN
Evgs 8.0, Mat Sat 3.0 Till June 8

VICTORIA PALACE 071 834 1317 CC 071-379 4444/240 7200 071-793 1000 (bkg fee) Groups 071 930 6123
BUDDY
The Buddy Holly Story "BRILLIANT" Sun
BUDDY
"WONDERFUL STUFF" Sun Tel
BUDDY
"SHEER UNADULTERATED FUN... I LOVE THIS SHOW" Sun Exp
BUDDY
Mon-Thur 8.00 Fri & Sat 5.30 & 8.30.
ALL SEATS ½ PRICE FRIDAY 5.30 PERF
2nd SENSATIONAL YEAR
NOW BOOKING TO SEPT 28th

WHITEHALL 867 1119 cc 867 1111 379 4444 (no bkg fee) 793 1000 (bkg fee)
LESLIE GRANTHAM
"Makes an impeccable West End debut" Sunday Times in "David Gilmore's perfectly judged, exquisitely staged and powerfully played production" Daily Mail
RICK'S BAR CASABLANCA
the original play by Murray Burnett and Joan Alison
"A treat I wouldn't have missed" The Sun
Evgs 8.00. Sats 6.00 & 8.45 Mats Thurs 3.00

WYNDHAMS THEATRE B.O. 867 1116 cc 867 1111/379 4444 (no bkg fee) 497 9977 (bkg fee) Groups 240 7941
Previews from May 8th
OPENS WED MAY 15th
EDWARD FOX
TIM BROOKE-TAYLOR
in
THE PHILANTHROPIST
by Christopher Hampton
Directed by Kenneth Ives
Evgs Mon-Fri 8.00. Mat Thurs 3.00. Sats 5.00 & 8.30
FOR A LIMITED SEASON

WYNDHAMS 071 867 1116 CC 071 379 4444/793 1000(No Fee) & 24hr CC 836 2428 (Bkg Fee)
SHEILA GISH CLIVE FRANCIS
JOSEPH MAHER in
WHAT THE BUTLER SAW
by JOE ORTON
Tonight at 6.00 & 8.40
LAST WEEK ENDS TODAY

ART GALLERIES

ROY MILES GALLERY
29 Bruton St, W1
071 495 4747
ZHU GUANG
New Works from Tibet
Mon-Fri 10-6, Sats 10-1

ROYAL ACADEMY OF ARTS. Piccadilly W1. Recorded Info 071-439 4996/7 **SIR CHRISTOPHER WREN AND THE MAKING OF ST PAUL'S.** Book tickets on 071-240 7200/071-793 1000/071-287 9579 Open daily 10am-6pm (incl Sun).

W H PATTERSON 19 Albemarle St. W1X 3HA. EXHIBITION: 6 superb artists of the NEW ENGLISH ART CLUB, W BOWYER RA, T COATES PRBA, K HOWARD ARA, F CUMING R.A., D MYNOTT, S RYDER. 19th Apr-8-4th May. Mon-Fri 9.30-6.00. Sat 10-1. Tel 071 629 4119.

CINEMAS

CURZON MAYFAIR Curzon St 071 465 8865 Paul Newman Joanne Woodward in Merchant Ivory's **MR AND MRS BRIDGE** (PG) Progs at 1.00 (not Sun) 3.30 6.00 8.40 Last Weeks

CURZON WEST END Shaftesbury Avenue W1 071 439 4805 Beverly D'Angelo, Donal McCann in Neil Jordan's **THE MIRACLE** (15) Progs at 1.45 (not Sun) 3.50 6.10 & 8.30

CURZON PHOENIX Phoenix St. off Charing Cross Rd 071 240 9661 Peter O'Toole in **WINGS OF FAME** (15) Progs at 1.45 (not Sun) 4.05 6.20 & 8.35

York Early Music Festival

5th - 14th July 1991

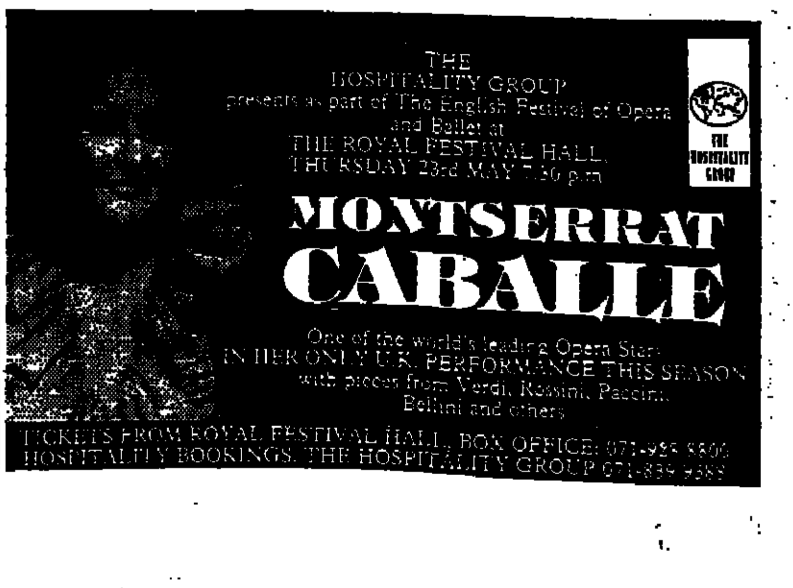
Gods, Dreams & Fancies

Britain's largest festival of early music celebrates Classical, Anglo-Saxon and Celtic mythology. Guests include: Consort of Musicke, Boston Camerata & Purcell Quartet.

Full details from: YEMF, 65 Rawcliffe Lane, York, YO3 6SJ.
Tel: 0904 658338.
Fax: 0904 612631.

TO PLACE YOUR
ENTERTAINMENTS
ADVERTISEMENT IN
THE TIMES
TRADE ADVERTISERS TEL: 071-481 1920
ADVERTISING FAX NO. 071-481 9313
TELEX 925088
PRIVATE ADVERTISERS TEL: 071-481 4000
YOU MAY USE YOUR ACCESS, AMEX, DINERS OR VISA CARD

OPERA & BALLET



THE HOSPITALITY GROUP
presents a gala performance in aid of The English National Opera and Ballet at THE ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL THURSDAY 23rd MAY 7.30 pm
MONTSERRAT CABALLE
[illegible] IN HER ONLY UK PERFORMANCE THIS SEASON
TICKETS FROM ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL BOX OFFICE [illegible] HOSPITALITY BOOKINGS THE HOSPITALITY GROUP [illegible]

THE TIMES SATUR

TELEVISION REVIEW

Ra
anc
h

Madne

THEATRE
Black Snow
Cottesloe

[illegible]

هكذا عن الاصل

TELEVISION REVIEW

Radical sheds and mow-mow horticulture

Lynne Truss on a host of hip gardening tips, and the contradictions that blunted three investigations of the Chernobyl disaster

Last year, I had occasion to consult a garden specialist. I asked him to have a look at my slightly overgrown back garden and give me his honest opinion about a few things — such as the possible whereabouts of the shed, which had disappeared from sight during a rapid growing season. After he had driven away (rather quickly) in his little green van, I noticed from his business card that the main speciality of this young man was "24 Hour Emergency Gardening", which perhaps explained his lack of enthusiasm for shed-divining. His usual clients must be Gold Card holders who phone up at 4am, frantic with worry about the frost, requesting urgent blankets and hot-water bottles for their window-boxes.

If Channel 4's Dig has not caught up with this chap, then there is no time to lose. Scheduled on Friday night (the traditional evening for watching close-ups of Geoff Hamilton's capable thumbs packing the compost around a newly potted seedling), *Dig* represents an entirely alternative gardening culture, with an emphasis on youth, style, immediacy and out-of-the-way botanical curiosities, such as carnivorous Venus fly-traps and plants that impart a nasty whiff. Most items are short, multicoloured and specious. The regular gardening experts make intriguing viewing simply because they are startlingly young. They resemble fifth-formers in mufti, speak with plebeian Nigel Kennedy accents, and are slightly embarrassed when using technical words like "dibber".

The problem with all this "horticulture is hip" stuff is that gardening is self-evidently not an activity remotely appropriate to people with short attention-spans. Gardening is about continuity. Good gardeners are generally phlegmatic, unexcitable people with attention-spans averaging ten or fifteen years. *Dig* is seeking out some stylish gardening role models — this week Derek Jarman — to show that personality can be as important to a gardener as patience and stout thumbs. But while Jarman was the perfect host — excitedly reeling around his windswept Romney Marsh shingle-garden dressed in the customary boiler suit — the values represented by his garden were clearly at odds with the fashion ethic of the show. Jarman's garden has nothing to do with ephemerality. It is quasi-religious; a kind of post-modernist tabernacle.

One of the more pleasant innovations of *Dig* is that people engage in a physical interaction with plants — they eat the leaves of periwinkle, punch the bark of sequoias, and stroke and twiddle with trailing plants. In keeping with this hands-on policy, Jarman last night demonstrated the loveliness of a santalina bush by hugging and fondly patting it, rather as though it were an old English sheep dog. However, given that the permanent backdrop to his garden is the Dungeness power station (and that this week has been the widely-commemorated fifth anniversary of Chernobyl), Jarman's plant-cuddling was imbued with a rather sinister overtone. Watch out, Derek! The garden may be packed with mutating life forms! Personally, I half expected the santalina bush to respond to Jarman's caress by grabbing his wrist, and hissing to the other shrubs, "Who's the wise guy?"

I confess I looked forward to the Chernobyl programmes with a certain degree of alarm. The trouble with intensive viewing of television documentaries is that you soon start to notice that they blithely contradict one another over matters of fact. For example, after the recent *Horizon* programme on passive smoking (BBC 2), I confidently informed all my friends that cigarettes contained four thousand chemicals, 55 of which are carcinogenic. For some reason, these figures had stuck in my mind, and had assumed the status of fact. A couple of weeks later, however, on National No Smoking Day, I watched *Q.E.D.'s* investigation into the same subject (BBC 1), and was happily nodding in a knowledgeable kind of way ("Uh-huh, Uh-huh"), when the narrator stated that the number of chemicals in cigarettes was ("OK, yes, get on with it") *three* thousand. What? My instant reaction was that since neither figure could now be trusted, the whole point of watching television had been completely undermined. "I know, let's call it *six* thousand," I muttered childishly, as I tore up my notes.

Plant-cuddling with sinister overtones: Derek Jarman, fashionable guest on this week's *Dig*

Something to do with the inherent magisterial authority of television makes the viewer expect consistency over facts and figures. Somehow, it is the television itself that confers authority on such statements, and it is dismaying to realise that the box has already forgotten what it told you only a few days ago. With all the programmes about Chernobyl in the past week — **Children of Chernobyl** (Channel 4), **Horizon's** "Inside Chernobyl Sarcophagus" (BBC 2) and This Week's two-part investigation of the cover-up (Thames) — I found myself so worried about how they would present their individual findings that I actually heaved sighs of relief each time they concurred with one another. Phew. They all said the reactor-lid weighed 2,000 tons; all said the exclusion zone was 18 miles in radius, *and* agreed that the population of Kiev is 3 million. We seemed to be getting somewhere.

On the other hand, what about the men who cleared the radioactive debris from the roof? Each programme showed footage of men in inadequate lead aprons shovelling up tiny amounts of clinker, flinging it down into the burned-out reactor, and retreating sharpish. Exposed to a lifetime's dose of radiation during a single minute, these men were rewarded with certificates and then sent away, their function fulfilled. But who were they? *Horizon* called them "Red Army volunteers", *This Week* called them "young soldiers", while *Children of Chernobyl* stated categorically: "They were not volunteers. They were picked up off the streets, and press-ganged onto the roof." Again, how many of them were there? *Horizon* said there were 3,400 men doing these "roof runs", while *Children of Chernobyl* said there were 800.

> *The gardening experts resemble fifth-formers in mufti and are slightly embarrassed when using technical words like 'dibber'*

You end up either believing it all or believing nothing. Since the story was generally so appalling, I have settled for compromise. I can tell you then, with every confidence, that if nuclear contamination from Chernobyl gets into the water table, it will affect the drinking water of *either* 14 million *or* 35 million people. After all, whichever is correct, the numbers are huge and terrible. The only thing that seems certain is that, whenever this catastrophe does take place, either *14 million* or *35 million* people will have drunk it, swum in it, and bathed their babies' heads in it before anyone tells them what has happened.

ROCK

Soup à la Sixties

THEY must be wondering what to do to grab a headline. On their recent British tour The La's were supported, and all but overshadowed, by the emerging Milltown Brothers. In this week's Radio 1 concerts at the Marquee they were sandwiched between House of Love, who are highly accomplished, and the Soup Dragons, who are becoming so.

The point about British dance rock is that we have heard most, if not all of it, before. The La's take their mining of the past one step further than others: to look at, and to listen to, they are a flawless pastiche of a classic 1960s four-piece mod band. Toting those trendy farmhand haircuts and that rudimentary barnyard drum beat, they do nothing to suggest that times have moved on since the Troggs, the Small Faces and the Kinks trod the same boards 25 years ago.

What the obsession with hindsight yields is a clutch of well-crafted tunes. "Son of a Gun", "I Can't Sleep", "There She Goes" and "Doldrum", all culled from their first official album, are purely retrospective revels delivered by Lee Mavers, a blond imp in the Nick Heyward mould, with an anguished rasp reminiscent of Lennon or Morrison in their youth. One wonders whether The La's have it in them to progress like either of those Sixties icons.

THE Soup Dragons also know how to plunder the past, but they do so more indiscriminately. "I'm Free", the anthem with which they closed their hour long broadcast, is from the Jagger-Richards back catalogue. Taken on by the Soup Dragons, it is a tense rendezvous between a carefree, hedonistic vocal, the frenetic lick of a guitar and a funkily threatening bass line. When Sean Dickson swishes his maracas and sings "I'm free to do what I want, any old time", one senses that pop's hankering for rebellion is not yet dead, even if the sentiments are borrowed from three decades back.

The Soup Dragons performed with a psychedelic light show and a will to entertain that is somehow lacking in The La's. Even as "Mother Universe", "Backwards Dog" and "Burnout" assaulted the eardrums in an impairing manner, one still reflected that there is something more engaging about them than any of the Manchester bands. Sometimes they went overboard: one fog of dry ice which blasted its way into the blinded crowd might have had Cecil B de Mille's signature on it, but even in the hemmed-in space, this suited the heroic dimensions of the music. Long may they rave.

JASPER REES

Madness in the Method

THEATRE

Black Snow
Cottesloe

THIS is a revenge-drama, but an unusual one. It is the Russian dramatist Bulgakov's balefully comic attempt to demythologise the great Stanislavsky, whom he somewhat unjustly held responsible for the butchering of his play *Molière*. And whatever anybody's critical reservations, this produces moments of high hilarity.

Black Snow, like Bulgakov's *The White Guard*, was a novel; but unlike *The White Guard*, which triumphed at Stanislavsky's Moscow Arts Theatre, it has had to wait until now to cross the footlights. In Keith Dewhurst it has, however, found an almost too faithful adaptor. That the first half of the novel is preparation for comic explosions to come, and contains dullish bits, seems not to worry him. The original story is almost all there.

Sergei Maksudov, in Ron Cook's performance a badly bruised ego saved from suicide only by chance and a native obstinacy, decides to transform a novel much like *The White Guard* into a play for a theatre much like the Moscow Arts. Dewhurst's first act consists of a mixture, at times a muddle, of dialogue, narrative, fantasy and bits of performance as the aspiring author confronts bitchy friends, the theatre's dramaturg, its vulturous business manager, actors — and, after much wandering through invisible passages and up imaginary stairs, the famous Ivan Vassilevich, alias Stanislavsky.

At this point William Gaskill's intermittently engaging production becomes a most amusing one. Indeed, whenever Ivan Vassilevich was on stage, I for one began wishing that *Black Snow* would go on until midnight. That is almost entirely because of the wonderfully wintry charisma Robin Bailey brings to the character's grandiose absurdities. This underrated actor has been modestly embellishing the stage for years. Here, he moves onto the top table alongside Michael Hordern, while adding a steely disdain to the stricken bleats the senior actor has made his own.

His first scene with Maksudov is entertaining enough. He greets him as a high-class undertaker might greet someone who has dumped a rather seedy corpse on his doorstep, quizzing the playwright from behind pince-nez with lugubrious fastidiousness. The play, he allows, might be acceptable if gunshots are removed, the anti-Bolshevik hero kills himself with a dagger, and the younger characters become matriachs and patriarchs. That is to appease the ageing Moscow Arts veterans.

This upsets Maksudov. But what reduces him to despair, and the audience to stitches, is Bulgakov's parody of Stanislavsky in the rehearsal-room, primly demonstrating the madness in his Method. There is no funnier scene in London than the one in which a wretched actor, whose love-making is found wanting, is forced to circle the stage on a bike, exuding devotion from the saddle. And behind it is a charge still worth hearing today: that the Method substitutes earnest detail for a sense of the play as a whole.

By the evening's irritatingly abrupt ending, the affectations, rivalries and sillinesses of theatre people have been ridiculed. But Stanislavsky's reputation has been shredded. In Bulgakov's and Bailey's view, he was a vainglorious tyrant, suspicious even of his sycophants and hostile to anything fresh. Unfair, no doubt; but a lot of people in and out of the theatre will find the attack liberating.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

Ron Cook as Sergei Leontevich Maksudov

Anything but tame

DANCE

The Taming of the Shrew
Hippodrome, Bristol

JOHN Cranko made a ballet out of *The Taming of the Shrew* because, upon reading the play, he realised how visual all the comedy was. He was right: the knockabout duets are what please audiences in spite of rather dreary designs by Elisabeth Dalton and a score (by Kurt-Heinz Stolze after Scarlatti) which is serviceable, but hardly more.

English National Ballet's new touring production is excellently staged by Cranko's former assistant Georgette Tsinguirides and danced eagerly and enthusiastically by the company. But they have a big job on their hands, living up to roles made originally for an exceptional group of dance-actors in the Stuttgart ballet. If the best performers out of the two casts I saw at Bristol had been put together, the result would have been impressive; as it was, both performances were uneven.

Two of this season's recruits to the company, Agnes Oaks and Thomas Edur, shone out as the young lovers, Bianca and Lucentio. They come from Estonia, and both dance with elegance and expressiveness, giving their roles a sympathetic warmth and switching easily from comedy to romance. They appeared in the evening when Renata Calderini and Maurizio Bellezza, able, experienced and likeable dancers, gave proficient but conventional accounts of Kate and Petruchio.

Those roles can be much funnier and more touching, too, given more weight and angularity, as the matinée cast showed. Lynne Charles, an American ballerina who has worked mainly in Europe, is with ENB for a period as regular guest. She gives a robust and realistic nature to this role of a strong woman who stands up for herself; even her submissiveness at the end has a glint of relish of the privileges it brings her.

Her adversary-partner is Laurent Novis, a rising dancer who has joined from the Paris Opera. He responds with lively cheerfulness to the role's dramatic opportunities, dancing with both polish and swagger.

Among the secondary roles, only Craig Randolph as the sneeze-ridden Gremio presents a credible character, but there is some promising new talent on display in the short *pas de six* at Bianca's wedding, with Oksana Panchenko, Ana Lobe and a batch of bright young men.

JOHN PERCIVAL

ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA · LONDON COLISEUM

THE CUNNING LITTLE VIXEN
Leoš Janáček
FIRST NIGHT: 7.30PM WED 1 MAY 1991
Then May 4 (3.00pm + 7.30pm), 10, 14, 18 (3.00pm + 7.30pm), 23; June 1, 5, 13

CONDUCTOR Charles Mackerras/ Michael Lloyd (from June 1)
PRODUCER David Pountney
DESIGNER Maria Bjørnson
LIGHTING Nick Chelton
CHOREOGRAPHY Stuart Hopps
TRANSLATION Norman Tucker

VIXEN Lesley Garrett (eves)/ Margaret Preece (mats)
FORESTER Norman Bailey
FOX Christine Botes
POACHER Nicholas Folwell
SCHOOLMASTER Terry Jenkins
PARSON Mark Richardson
BADGER Michael Druiett

This revival is sponsored by
BFL
British Fuels Group Limited

TICKETS FROM £4
BOX OFFICE 071 836 3161
CREDIT CARDS 071 240 5258
ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA
LONDON COLISEUM
ST MARTIN'S LANE WC2

Arts Council Funded

THE SUNDAY TIMES
Doctrine of death
"Plenty have followed the James Dean doctrine — live fast, die young. But none ever embraced the fatal approach to immortality with as much passionate devotion as Jim Morrison. The overdoses which killed Jimi Hendrix, Janis Joplin and Sid Vicious merely ended careers. The one which left Morrison dead in a bath in a Parisian apartment seemed, in its ghastly way, to sum up his messy but uniquely influential life's work."
Robert Sandall, in The Sunday Times tomorrow

BG
AUTHORS
Are you looking for a publisher?
If your book deserves publication, please write to:
Dept. TM/53
The Book Guild Ltd.,
Temple House, 25 High Street,
Lewes, East Sussex, BN7 2LU

Able-LABELS
NAME, ADDRESS, TEL. No. or any words you need up to 6 Lines
1000 Self Adhesive Labels 18 × 40mm
Black on White £3.25 Send Payment with Order TODAY! Black on Gold £4.00
or Phone-Write for Leaflets & Samples
STATIONERY 200 8" × 6" Printed Sheets + 50 plain + 100 Envelopes £14 Phone—Write for full details
Able-WOVEN Name Tapes 72 Black on White Tapes only £3.50
100% Polyester, Wash-Dry Clean
One line only up to 30 woven letters/spaces
For School, Uniforms, Workwear etc. Order in CLEAR BLOCK CAPITALS with payment TODAY! Del. 14 days
Stampleprint Ltd - Dept A - Earls Barton NORTHAMPTON NN6 0LS - Tel 0604 810781

An exciting new series of POPULAR CLASSICS
THE PHILHARMONIA
COLLINS CLASSICS
SPRING 1991

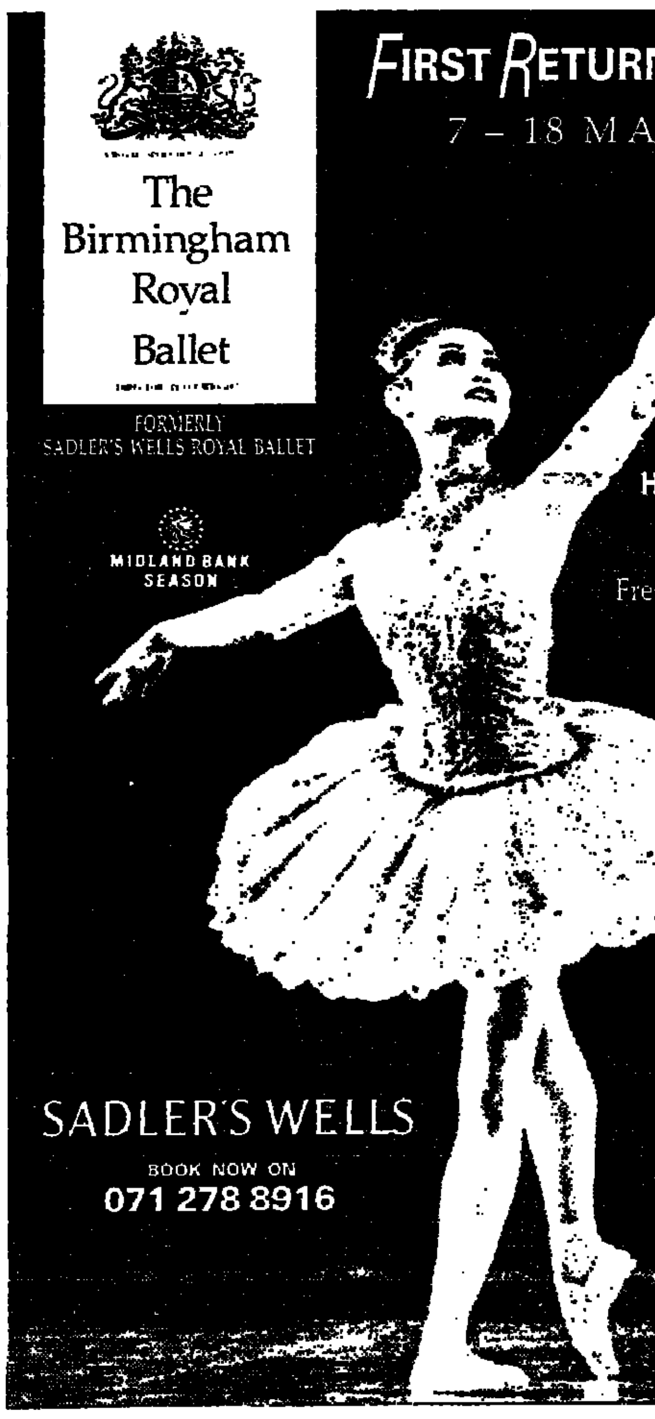
WEDNESDAY 1 MAY at 7.30pm
YURI SIMONOV conductor
SETA TANYEL piano
Wagner Overture The Mastersingers
Tchaikovsky Piano Concerto No. 1
Beethoven Symphony No. 7

SUNDAY 19 MAY at 7.30pm
in the presence of
HRH The Princess of Wales
CARL DAVIS conductor
JENNIFER STINTON flute
HOWARD BLAKE piano
Prokofiev Excerpts from Romeo & Juliet
Mozart Flute Concerto No. 2 K314
Blake Piano Concerto (world premiere)
Gershwin An American in Paris

SUNDAY 9 JUNE at 7.30pm
CARLO RIZZI conductor
SETA TANYEL piano
Brahms Piano Concerto No. 2
Borodin In the Steppes of Central Asia
Mussorgsky/Ravel Pictures at an Exhibition

Tickets for all concerts:
£3, £6, £10, £14, £18, £20.
Group concessions available.

ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL
BOX OFFICE
cc 071 928 8800



The Birmingham Royal Ballet
FORMERLY SADLER'S WELLS ROYAL BALLET
MIDLAND BANK SEASON
FIRST RETURN SEASON!
7 – 18 MAY 1991
HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SEASON INCLUDE:
the return of HOBSON'S CHOICE as seen on BBC TV.
Two Frederick Ashton ballets
Two World Premieres
SADLER'S WELLS
BOOK NOW ON
071 278 8916
ring 021 622 5120 for a leaflet
phone FIRST CALL 071 240 7200
24 Hrs. 7 days with Bkg. Fee

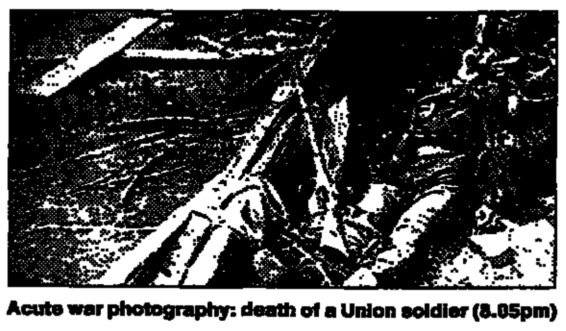
BBC 1

7.05 Open University: Maths: Pi and e
7.30 Pinocchio. Animated adventures with the boy puppet 7.50 *Kissyfur*. Kissyfur and Howie play one practical joke too many (*r*)
8.15 The 8.15 From Manchester. Children's magazine series presented by Ross King and Charlotte Hindle. Guests include Peter O'Brien, the ex-*Neighbours* star, currently appearing with Anita Dobson in the West End show *My Lovely . . . Shayna Maidel*; the England football squad, who are preparing for their clash with Turkey; and rock band That Petrol Emotion. Plus cartoon fun with *Rentaghost* and *Attack of the Killer Tomatoes*
10.55 Film: Geordie (1955). Gentle comedy starring Alastair Sim and Bill Travers and set in Australia and the Highlands of Scotland. Geordie is a puny schoolboy who, tired of the continual bullying meted out to him and the nickname "Titch", enrols in a body-building correspondence course which wins him untold athletic prowess and a chance to throw the hammer for Britain in the Olympics. Directed by Frank Launder 12.27 Weather
12.30 Grandstand introduced by Desmond Lynam from Wembley. The line-up is (subject to alteration): 12.35 and 1.05 Rugby League: a preview and live coverage of the final of the Silk Cut challenge cup between Wigan and St Helens; 12.45 and 4.20 Ice Hockey: the semi-finals of the Heineken British championship — Cardiff Devils v Peterborough Pirates and Durham Wasps v Murrayfield Racers; 1.00 News; 4.40 Final Score
5.10 News and weather
5.20 Regional News and sport. Wales (to 6.10): Wales on Saturday
5.25 Stay Tooned! Tony Robinson presents part two of the series on cartoons from the Warner Bros studios in Hollywood
5.50 The Flying Doctors. Australian drama series starring Liz Birch and Robert Grubb as medics of the Flying Doctor service. Streamlined efficiency is introduced into the Coopers Crossing postal service, but at a price the small-town residents are unwilling to pay. Meanwhile, Chris and Jack are contemplating what to do with the legacy left in their charge. (Ceefax) Wales: 6.10 Stay Tooned!
6.35 That's Showbusiness. Mike Smith hosts the fast-paced celebrity entertainment quiz with team captains Kenny Everett and Gloria Hunniford joined by singer and actress Toyah Willcox, entertainer Victor Spinetti, *EastEnder* Todd Carty and actress Sandra Dickinson. (Ceefax)
7.05 You've Gotta Be Jokin'. New series of anarchic sketches, impersonations, audience participation and stand-up comedy with newcomers Shane Richie, Annette Law, George Marshall, Maddi Cryer and Billy Pearce cobbled together from previous BBC talent contests. Maddi Cryer recently finished a regular appearance in the *Little and Large* show
7.35 Fast Friends. A lucky contestant has the chance to win a luxury holiday with a little help from his or her speedily made "friends" in the fast and furious quiz hosted by the rotund comedian, Les Dawson. (Ceefax)
8.05 Perry Mason: The Case of the Lethal Lesson (1989). Raymond Burr stars as the tenacious attorney in another gripping courtroom drama. While teaching a course at his old law school, Perry is put in the awkward and implausible position of having to defend one student on a charge of murdering another, the son of a longtime friend. The waters are even more muddied by the appearance of a former girlfriend who is determined to do her bit. With Barbara Hale, Brian Keith and William R. Moses. Directed by Christian I. Nyby. (Ceefax)
9.40 News with Martyn Lewis. (Ceefax) Sport and weather
10.00 Film: The Eagle Has Landed (1976). Michael Caine, Donald Sutherland and Jenny Agutter join an all-star cast in an action-packed second world war adventure about a crack troop of German paratroopers sent to England to kidnap Winston Churchill. When Col Max Radl (Robert Duvall) learns that the prime minister is to spend a couple of days in a deserted Norfolk village, the temptation to try an assault proves too great. With Donald Pleasence, Anthony Quayle and Larry Hagman. Adapted from the novel by Jack Higgins and directed by John Sturges. (Ceefax)
12.10am Barry Manilow: Big Fun on Swing Street. Barry Manilow sings Latin with Kid Creole, jazz with with Gerry Mulligan and Diane Schurr and blues with Stanley Clarke and Phyllis Hyman (r)
1.00 Weather

A turn on the comedy-go-round: fresh young talent (7.05pm)

BBC 2

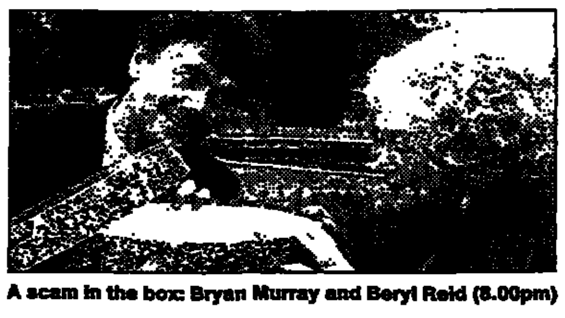
6.50 Open University: Maths — Area Games 7.15 Health Visiting and the Family 7.40 Geology — Rock Textures 8.05 Bangkok: A City Speaks 8.30 Invention is Not Enough 8.55 IT for You 9.20 Education — Literacy in Jamaica 9.45 Living Choices — Supporting Systems 10.10 Measuring with Light 10.35 Open Forum Magazine — News and Views on the OU 11.00 Multi-Cultural Education 11.25 Environment — Living with Drought 12.15 The Romantic Poets in the Alps 12.40 Statistics — Lines: Before and After 1.05 Organic Chemistry — Samples of Analysis 1.30 Modern Art — Kirchner 1.55 Discovering 16th-century Strasbourg 2.20 Desert Ecology
2.45 Mahabharat. Indian epic in 91 parts. In episode 45 Yudhishtira is unhappy with Draupadi for having taunted Duryodhana in public. In Hindi with English subtitles
3.25 Film: Ruby Gentry (1952, b/w). Romantic melodrama set against the backdrop of a powerful southern family. Jennifer Jones stars as Ruby, a fiery girl from the Carolina swamps who was brought up as boy. She falls for a local aristocrat (a youthful Charlton Heston) but his family disapproves and their relationship is far from stable. Eventually she takes her revenge . . . With Karl Malden, Tom Tully and Bernard Phillips. Directed by King Vidor
4.45 Snooker: The Embassy World Professional Championship. More green-baize action from the Crucible in Sheffield. Introduced by David Vine and with commentary from Ted Lowe, Jack Karnehm and Clive Everton
7.20 News with Moira Stuart. Weather
7.35 How Wars Begin: Bismarck's Wars. Third of six unscripted, straight-to-camera lectures — first delivered in 1977 — by the celebrated British historian A.J.P. Taylor, who died last autumn. In this programme he discusses the Prussian Chancellor Bismarck's war against Austria in 1866 and the unexpected campaign in France in 1870


Acute war photography: death of a Union soldier (8.05pm)

8.05 The Civil War: A New Birth of Freedom.
● CHOICE: In his book *Camera Lucida*, Roland Barthes saw that all photography was about death, and that any reading of historical photographs, in particular, carried what he calls "the defeat of Time in them: *that* is dead and *that* is going to die". The viewer is led to speculate on the lives of the subjects before him or her, and, at the same time, to realise they are vanquished. In war photography, the process becomes even more acute, reaching its culmination with those photographs taken at the moment of death. The American civil war was the first big war recorded by the camera, the first modern war therefore. The surprise of this series is how a programme so still — based almost entirely on black and white photographs and the spoken word — can be more movingly cinematic than so much of the rest of television. (Ceefax)
9.05 Snooker: The Embassy World Professional Championship. Further coverage from Sheffield on the eighth day of this tournament. Players who reach the quarter-finals stand to win £20,000 apiece, and among those bidding for that honour are French Canadian Alain Robidoux and Englishman Tony Meo, who are taking on the two favourites, Stephen Hendry and Steve Davis, respectively
10.00 Film: Camp de Thiaroye (1987). Ousmane Sembene — a man who has been called "the father of African cinema" — directed this fact-based second world war story set in Senegal. African troops returning from European battlefields are stationed at Camp Thiaroye, a bleak and hostile compound run by the French, while they await honourable discharge and their back pay. Sergeant-Major Diatta, whose wife is French, befriends Captain Raymond — the only French officer not prejudiced against the soldiers — but conditions remain dire. The men rebel when they are conned out of most of their pay and a massacre ensues. A co-production of Senegal, Algeria and Tunisia starring Ibrahima Sane, Sijiri Bakaba and Jean-Daniel Simon
12.30am Snooker: The Embassy World Professional Championship. Last visit of the day to Sheffield. Others involved in the second round action include former champion Dennis Taylor, exciting youngster Steve James, who will be hoping to become Stephen Hendry's quarter-final opponent, and Tony Knowles, happy to be back at the Crucible where he has three times reached the semi-finals. Introduced by David Vine. Ends at 1.35

ITV

6.00 TV-am
9.25 Ghost Train. Children's entertainment
11.30 The ITV Chart Show. The *Vintage Video* slot features Robbie Nevil
12.30 Saint and Greavsie. Ian St John and Jimmy Greaves preview England's European championship qualifier against Turkey and Poland's visit to Dublin to play the Republic of Ireland. They also catch up on highlights from the midweek European Cup semi-finals and launch ITV's *Goal of the Season* competition with a look at the top 20 goals of the year
1.00 News and weather. 1.05 LWT News and weather
1.10 Grand Sportsmasters. Sporting quiz hosted by Dickie Davies
1.40 World Sport Special. Followed by The Day
2.15 Matlock. Andy Griffith stars as the sharp hayseed lawyer, called to defend a young nurse accused of murdering her multi-millionaire patient whom she alleges was her secret fiancé
3.10 Film: A Pair of Briefs (1961). Light romantic drama starring Michael Craig and Mary Peach as two London barristers arguing opposing sides of a case who fall in love during the course of the trial. A pale imitation of *Adam's Rib* but engaging none the less. Directed by Ralph Thomas
4.45 Results Service presented by Elton Welsby
5.00 News and weather. 5.05 LWT News and weather
5.15 MacGyver: Final Approach. Action-packed drama series starring Richard Dean Anderson as American secret agent and science boffin MacGyver, sent to supervise four teenage gang leaders trying to settle their differences on a camping trip. When the group's plane crashes in the wilderness, their trip becomes a struggle for survival
6.15 Wayne Dobson: A Kind of Magic. ITV's answer to Paul Daniels returns for the first of a new magic series, assisted by Linda Lusardi and side-kick Ringo Rabbit
6.45 Bob's Your Uncle. Veteran comic Bob Monkhouse hosts the first of a new slapstick gameshow with newlywed couples egged on in embarrassing stunts with names like *Bob's Biggie*, *Brides in the Briney* and *Galloping Grooms*
7.30 Duty Free: Viva España. Keith Barron and Gwen Taylor star in the award-winning comedy about two couples on a package holiday in Spain's Costa del Sol (*r*). (Oracle)


A scam in the box: Bryan Murray and Beryl Reid (8.00pm)

8.00 Perfect Scoundrels: My Fair Daisy. Peter Bowles and Bryan Murray return as the lovably roguish con-men Guy Buchanan and Harry Cassidy, this week trying to sell a useless patch of land as a priceless Kent vineyard. The unlucky victim (Jeremy Child) is the unscrupulous proprietor of a retirement home, the residence of Cassidy's aunt (Beryl Reid). As always, the scam does not work entirely as planned, and the scheming duo come perilously close to being caught. (Oracle)
9.00 News, sport and weather. 9.15 LWT Weather
9.20 Film: B.L. Stryker — The Dancer's Touch (1989). First in a series of made-for-television movies starring Burt Reynolds as B.L. Stryker, a one-time college football player, Vietnam veteran and amateur boxer. Stryker quits his celebrated career as a homicide/vice detective after a particularly grisly series of murders, but finds himself drawn back when the Palm Beach police ask him to investigate a series of brutal rapes. With Rita Moreno, David Hunt and Kristy Swanson. Directed by Bill Fraker. (Oracle)
11.05 Film: Not Quite Jerusalem (1984). Youthful adventure starring Joanna Pacula and Sam Robards as two workers at an Israeli kibbutz who fall in love. When six volunteers arrive at the camp, their comic adventures change everyone's lives forever. Directed by Lewis Gilbert
1.10am Up the Junction. American comic Will Durst hosts the show at the Junction Club in Cambridge featuring music from the Christians and comedy from Jack Dee and Mark Hurst
1.55 Night Heat. Jeff Wincott and Scott Hylands star as Detectives Giambone and O'Brien, investigating the killing of a former partner
2.55 American College Football. Michigan State v Indiana
3.55 The Twilight Zone. Another journey beyond time, space and the imagination (*r*)
4.25 The Hit Man and Her presented by Pete Waterman and Michaela Strachan
5.30 ITN Morning News. Ends at 6.00am

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Comic Book 7.30 The People's Game (r) 8.00 Trans World Sport
9.00 News summary followed by Channel 4 Racing: The Morning Line 9.25 Sing and Swing. Vintage jazz from the performers of the Thirties and Forties (r)
9.30 Same Difference. Magazine series on disabled matters (r). (Teletext) 10.00 Images: The Pencil of Nature. A chronological review of the history of photography (r)
10.30 Wagon Train (b/w). Fifties western series starring Ward Bond
11.30 World League of American Football. London Monarchs' return to Wembley to take on the Montreal Machine
12.30 The Munsters: Movie Star Munster (b/w) (r)
1.00 Film: Innocents in Paris (1953, b/w). A good cast wasted in an episodic comedy about the British abroad. With Alastair Sim, Margaret Rutherford, Claire Bloom, Ronald Shiner, Laurence Harvey and Jimmy Edwards. Directed by Gordon Parry
2.45 Channel 4 Racing from Sandown Park. Live coverage of the 3.00, 3.30, 4.05 (Whitbread Gold Cup) and 4.40 races
5.05 Brookside Omnibus (r). (Teletext)
6.30 News and weather followed by Right to Reply. John Willis, C4's deputy director of programmes, defends the *Banned* season
7.00 Sound Stuff: The Rhythm Divine.
● CHOICE: Disco was so amorphous that it can claim to have spawned almost any pop movement since. *The Rhythm Divine* tries to argue as much: it was about staying up all night, dancing and being beautiful. So what's new? Commentary apart, this is a fast-forward cultural and musical survey which shows how disco was the first accelerated pop movement, dominated by rapid changes in nuances of style. New York pacemakers (circa 1972) distance themselves from the high-waisted, flared brigade, and make necessary distinctions. Pale young men talk of the Euro influence. Lots of four by four. Lots of Donna Summer. Turn up the bass
8.00 The A-Z of Censorship: X and Y
8.05 Banned: Unit 731 — Did the Emperor Know?
● CHOICE: Peter Williams's intrepid 1985 documentary reveals how Japanese guilty of war crimes, for which Nazis were prosecuted, were granted immunity because of a deal that implicated Japanese and Allied governments at the highest levels. After the war, in exchange for Japan's germ warfare research, the Americans turned a blind eye to what had gone on in secret research in Manchuria. Human guinea pigs — among them American prisoners of war — died painfully in their thousands, victims of experiments. Many of those conducting the research now hold senior positions in Japan's scientific community. (Teletext)

Commercial gloss: *thirtysomething* relationships (9.05pm)

9.05 thirtysomething: Distance.
● CHOICE: *thirtysomething* is consummate middle-class trash, its fluency and surface the opposite of the increasingly interior personal worlds of *Twin Peaks*. Life in *thirtysomething* is circumscribed entirely by its relationships, for the most part white, affluent, heterosexual, suburban and sunny (exceptions are called *issues*). It is of course indistinguishable from a glossy commercial, which is the point: serious shirts, serious snacking and serious props are its hallmarks. *thirtysomething* is Claude Lelouch 30 years on. It is tactile without being sensual (*Twin Peaks* seethes with sexual tensions), peopled with clones — everyone looks like someone else — Bjorn Borg, Meryl Streep, Howard Jacobson . . . In tonight's episode, fraught phone calls are accorded the honour of long, unbroken takes, and in walking and tracking shots everyone gets something to push: the grip pushes the camera dolly, the actors get prams and bikes. Like last week's *Twin Peaks* — directed by Diane Keaton — this is directed by another actress who made a name in the Seventies playing kookie New Yorkers, Melanie Mayron. (Teletext)
10.00 Film: The Joke (1968). Part of the excellent season of Czech films which were banned for 20 years after the brief Prague Spring. Based on an early novel by Milan Kundera, it recounts how Stalinism created an atmosphere that encouraged corruption and gagged moral principles. With Josef Somr, Jana Ditetova and Ludek Munzar. English subtitles. Directed by Jeromil Jires
11.30 Banned: The Animals Film. A disturbing investigation into the maltreatment of animals in Western society. Ends at 1.45am

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.00am Elephant Boy 6.30 The Flying Kiwi 7.00 Fun Factory 11.00 The Bionic Woman 12.00 Beyond 2000 1.00pm Combat 2.00 WWF Wrestling Challenge 3.00 Monkey 4.00 Big Hawaii 5.00 The Magician 6.00 Parker Lewis Can't Lose 6.30 The Addams Family 7.00 TJ Hooker 8.00 Unsolved Mysteries 9.00 Cops 9.30 Superstars of Wrestling 10.30 Freddy's Nightmares 11.30 The Last Laugh 12.00 The Great British Musical Event 1.00am Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
News on the hour.
5.00am Sunrise 5.30 Health Circuit 9.30 Newsline Weekend 10.30 Health Circuit 11.30 Newsline Weekend 1.30pm Getaway 2.30 Fashion TV 3.30 Those Were The Days 4.30 Health Circuit 5.00 Live at Five 6.30 Newsline Weekend 7.30 Fashion TV 8.30 Getaway 10.30 Newsline Weekend 11.30 Fashion TV 12.30am Getaway 1.30 Newsline Weekend 2.30 Health Circuit 3.30 Our World 4.30 Those Were The Days

● Via the Marcopolo satellite only.
News on the hour.
1.30pm Opera: Don Giovanni 4.30 Documentary: The Pleasure Gardens 7.30 Ballet: Tale of a Minor 10.30 Jazz: Lee Ritenour and Friends at Coconut Grove, Part Two

SKY MOVIES+

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.00am Showcase
7.40 Entertainment Tonight
8.00 Kid Blue (1973): Western about an outlaw who tries to go straight
10.00 The Good, the Bad and Huckleberry Hound: Animated adventure
12.00 Empire of the Sun (1988): Christian Bale is interned in a Japanese prisoner-of-war camp during the second world war
2.30pm License to Drive (1988): Corey Haim borrows his father's car to take out his dream date (Corey Feldman)
4.30 Sky Movies Special Event: The WWF UK Rampage: A repeat of the wrestling match at the London Docklands Arena
7.40 Entertainment Tonight
8.00 Batman (1989): Bruce Wayne (Michael Keaton), alias Batman, fights crime wherever it rears its ugly head in Gotham City. And it doesn't come much uglier than the Joker (Jack Nicholson)
10.00 Lethal Weapon 2 (1989): Mel Gibson and Danny Glover return as the mismatched cops on the trail of South African drug and diamond smugglers
12.00 The Decameron (1970): Pier Paol Pasolini's screen adaptation of eight medieval tales from Bocaccio's 14th century collection of stories
2.00am The Fly 2 (1989): The son of the late Brundlefly seeks revenge on the unscrupulous scientist who raised him
4.00 Orphans (1987): Two orphaned brothers kidnap a businessman (Albert Finney). Ends at 5.55

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.15am Angels with Dirty Faces (1938): James Cagney and Pat O'Brien star as a gangster and a priest, respectively
8.15 His Girl Friday (1940): Newspaper editor Cary Grant tries to win back his former wife and star reporter (Rosalind Russell)
10.15 First Men in the Moon (1964): An adaptation of H.G. Wells's novel
12.15pm Hero at Large (1980): An aspiring actor (John Ritter) dresses up as "Captain Avenger" and foils a hold-up
2.15 The Adventures of the Wilderness Family (1975): A suburban family decamps to the American wilderness
4.15 The Promise (1979): A girl returns from the dead to confront her boyfriend, albeit with a new face. Starring Kathleen Quinlan
6.15 Another Woman (1988): A middle-aged woman (Gena Rowlands) discovers that she is not who she thought she was
7.50 Spotlight
8.15 Nothing in Common (1986): An advertising executive (Tom Hanks) is forced to look after his estranged father
10.15 Bull Durham (1988): A baseball groupie (Susan Sarandon) vies for the attentions of rookie Tim Robbins and veteran Kevin Costner
12.05am Friday the 13th, Part VIII: Jason Takes Manhattan (1989): The psycopath continues his killing spree on board a cruise liner to New York. Starring Jensen Daggett
1.45 Three O'Clock High (1987): Comedy about a teenager's scheduled fight with a school bully. Starring Casey Siemaszko
3.15 A Private Function (1985): Alan Bennett's comedy about a man's attempts to raise a black-market pig during the second world war. Ends at 4.50

SKY SPORTS

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
9.30am Torque 10.30 Motor World 11.00 Australian Rugby League 1.00pm Tennis: Monte Carlo Open 3.00 Test Match Cricket: West Indies v Australia 8.00 Ringside 10.00 Test Match Cricket 12.00 Scottish Football Magazine 1.00am Ringside

EUROSPORT

● Via the Astra satellite.
6.00am Children's Programming 7.00 Fun Factory 9.00 Mobil 1 Motorsport 9.30 Football: The Winning Formula 10.00 Formula 1 Grand Prix of San Marino 10.30 Tae-Kwondo World Championships 11.00 Saturday Alive: Grand Prix Sailing; Formula 1 Grand Prix of San Marino; Martial Arts Festival; Ice Hockey World Championships; Archery 5.45pm BOC Round the World Yacht Race Update 6.00 International Motor Sport 7.00 Australian Rules Football 8.00 Ringside 10.00 Formula 1 Grand Prix of San Marino 10.30 Virginia Slims of Houston Tennis 11.30 Grand Prix Sailing 12.30am Test Match Cricket 1.30 Indoor Hockey

SCREENSPORT

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
7.45am Citroen Ski Europe 8.45 US Pro Ski Tour Slalom 9.30 Action Auto 10.00 Motor Sport Nascar 12.00 Stop-Mud And Monsters 1.00pm Argentinian Football 2.00 Weekend Live Golf: Volvo PGA European Tour 4.00 Powersports 5.00 European Truck Racing 6.00 International Cycling 6.30 Tennis: Nice Open 8.00 NHL Ice Hockey 10.00 Volvo PGA European Golf Tour 11.00 Tenpin Bowling 12.00 Fight Night at the Forum 1.30am Motorsport Nascar 3.30 NBA Basketball 5.30 Rugby XIII Championships

LIFESTYLE

● Via the Astra satellite.
12.00 Johnny Ringo 12.30pm The Bill Dana Show 1.00 The Joan Rivers Show 1.50 The Detectives 2.45 Spain Spain Holiday 3.00 World Class Championship Wrestling 4.00 The Sell-a-Vision Shopping Programme 8.00 Close 10.00 Satellite Jukebox

MTV

● Via the Astra satellite.
Twenty-four hours of rock and pop

Multi-pocketed
ACTION TROUSERS
Only £12.95 +p&p
or SAVE WITH 2 PAIRS For £24.00 +p&p

LIGHT, STRONG, DURABLE POLY/COTTON
SUBSTANTIAL, WIDE BELT LOOPS
2 DEEP, EASY ACCESS SIDE POCKETS
7 GENEROUS CHUNKY ZIPPED POCKETS
DOUBLE CLOTH PANELS ON KNEES AND SEAT
HEM EASY TO ALTER

Incredibly popular trousers, great looking casual wear, appealing especially to those who like to have secure carrying pockets e.g. Photographers, walkers, travellers etc.
From small waist 28"

Sizes: even waist 28" - 42" (Lovat 28"-38")
Colours: Lovat, Navy, Grey.

We aim to despatch your order by return but please allow 28 days for delivery.
REFUND OR REPLACEMENT IF NOT DELIGHTED

☎ 0768 899111 or Fax 0768 899222 to place your credit card order

SEND TO DEPT OB14 TOWN & COUNTRY MANNER LTD
PENRITH INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, PENRITH
CUMBRIA CA11 9EQ

Qty	Item	Size	Col	Alt Col	£	T 27/04

Name:
Address:
Post Code: Date:
Signature:

Goods	
p&p to £20	1.95
p&p to £50	2.50
Over £50	FREE
TOTAL	

I enclose my cheque/Postal Order for £
payable to Town & Country Manner Ltd.
or charge my Access/Visa Card No.
Exp. Date
Reg. No.

ITV VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: 1.40pm McCloud: Top of the World, Ma! 3.05 The Ngaio Marsh Mysteries: Colour Scheme 4.40-4.45 Cartoon 5.15-6.15 The A-Team 11.05 Film: The Postman Always Rings Twice 1.15 The Twilight Zone 2.00 The Hit Man and Her 4.00 Nascar 5.00-5.30 Children's Island

BORDER

As London except: 1.40pm The Silk Road 2.40-4.45 Film: The 300 Spartans 5.15-6.15 The A-Team 11.00 Film: Tilt 1.05 The 291 Club 2.00 The Hit Man and Her 4.00 CinemAttractions 4.30 Comics — The Ninth Art 5.00-5.30 America's Top Ten

CENTRAL

As London except: 2.10pm Out of Limits 2.20 The Spectacular World of Guinness Records 2.45-4.45 Film: My Brother Jonathan 5.15-6.15 The A-Team 11.10 CinemAttractions 11.40 Film: Against All Odds 1.55 Top Ten 2.25 Film: Death Ride to Osaka 4.15 American Football 5.10-5.30 Jobs

GRANADA

As London except: 1.40 Film: Carry on Teacher* 3.20-4.45 McCloud 5.15-6.15 The A-Team 11.00 Film: Tilt 1.05 The 291 Club 2.00 The Hit Man and Her 4.00 CinemAttractions 4.30 Comics — The Ninth Art 5.00-5.30 America's Top Ten

HTV WEST

As London except: 1.40pm The Life and Times of Grizzly Adams 2.40-4.45 Film: Beau Brummell 5.15-6.15 The A-Team 11.05 Family Theatre 12.05 Film: Hanover Street 2.05 Paris 3.10 New Music 4.10 Raw Power 5.05-5.30 Cover Story

SCOTTISH

As London except: 1.40pm Pick a Number 2.10 The Wonderful World of Disney 3.05-4.45 Film: As Long As They're Happy 5.15-6.15 The A-Team 11.05 NB Bands 11.35 Film: Fedora 1.40 Elvis Presley — One Night with You 2.40 Film: Marilyn — the Untold Story 4.50 Pop Profile 5.00-5.30 Jobfinder

TSW

As London except: 1.40pm The South West Week 2.10 Film: Breakdance 3.50-4.45 The A-Team 11.00 Film: Tilt 1.05 The 291 Club 2.00 The Hit Man and Her 4.00 CinemAttractions 4.30 Comics — The Ninth Art 5.00-5.30 America's Top Ten

TVS

As London except: 1.40pm Motorsport Special 2.10 The Life and Times of Grizzly Adams 3.05-4.45 Film: Vintage Murder 5.15-6.15 The A-Team 11.05 Tonight in Comedy 11.35 Film: Not Quite Jerusalem 1.45 America's Top Ten 2.15 CinemAttractions 2.45 American College Football 3.45 Adventure Bound 4.40 Night Gallery 5.00-5.30 Rallycross

TYNE TEES

As London except: 2.10pm The Life and Times of Grizzly Adams 3.15-4.45 McCloud: Give My Regrets to Broadway 5.05 Northern Life Saturday Special 5.15-6.15 The A-Team 11.00 Film: Tilt 1.05 The 291 Club 2.00 The Hit Man and Her 4.00 CinemAttractions 4.30 Comics — The Ninth Art 5.00-5.30 America's Top Ten

ULSTER

As London except: 1.40pm Superstars of Wrestling 2.40 The A-Team 3.40 Munsters Today 4.10-4.45 Blockbusters 5.15-6.15 Magnum 11.00 Film: Tilt 1.05 The 291 Club 2.00 The Hit Man and Her 4.00 CinemAttractions 4.30 Comics — The Ninth Art 5.00-5.30 America's Top Ten

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 1.40pm McCloud 2.35 The Spectacular World of Guinness Records 3.00-4.45 Ngaio Marsh Mysteries: Opening Night 5.15-6.15 The A-Team 11.05 Film: The Getaway 1.25 Mystery Theatre 2.00 The Hit Man and Her 4.00 Police Precinct 5.00 Superboy 5.20-5.30 Magic, Magic

S4C

Starts: 6.00am Comic Book 7.30 The People's Game 8.00 Trans World Sport 9.00 News Summary 9.04 C4 Racing — The Morning Line 9.25 Sing and Swing 9.30 Same Difference 10.00 Dig 10.30 Free for All 11.00 The Painter's World 11.30 Newman 12.00 Jonathan Ross 12.30 Sumo 1.00 World League of American Football 2.00 Women's Football 2.30 Rickshaw Man 2.45 Racing from Sandown Park 5.05 Brookside 6.30 Newyddion 6.40 Ar I An Y Mor 8.05 Y Mass Chwarae 9.15 Cynhadledd y TUC 1991 9.25 Film: A World Apart 11.30 Film: The Animals Film 1.45 Diwedd

RTE 1

Starts: 9.00am Scratch Saturday 12.30 Progressive Democrats Conference 1.30 News followed by The Thanksgiving Promise 2.45 Beyond 2000 3.10 Lifestyle 11 3.45 Film: Baker's Hawk 5.30 Dick Turpin 6.00 The Angelus 6.01 News 6.20 Mailbag 6.40 Never the Twain 7.05 Star Trek: The Next Generation 8.00 The Progressive Democrats Conference Leader's Speech 9.00 News 9.20 Dallas 10.15 Kenny Live 11.40 Shelley Duvall's Nightmare Classics 12.35 News 12.40 Close

NETWORK 2

Starts: 10.45am Sign of the Times 11.15 Progressive Democratic Conference 2.30 News 12.34 Sports Stadium 5.10 Cousteau: Rediscovery of the World 6.00 Death Valley Days 6.30 Seachtain 6.55 Nuacht 7.00 Buddy Holly 8.00 News 8.05 North and South 8.45 Travelling People 10.45 Film: Charlie One Eye 12.30am Close

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. 5.00am Jenny Costello 7.00 The Bruno and Liz Breakfast Show 10.00 Dave Lee Travis 1.00pm Adrian Juste 2.00 Don't Believe the Hype: Product. Last in the series 3.00 The Saturday Sequence 7.00 The Saturday Rock Show 10.00 In Concert: Ryuichi Sakamoto and Youssou N'Dour, recorded at last week's Earth Day Concert in the Budokan in Tokyo 11.00-2.00am John Peel

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. 4.00am Alex Lester 6.00 Graham Knight 7.45-8.00 Take 2! (r) 8.05 Ronnie Hilton with Sounds of the Fifties 9.00 Brian Matthew with Sounds of the Sixties 10.00 Anne Robinson 12.00 Gerald Harper 1.30pm Someone and the Grumbleweeds (r) 2.00 Jeremy Nicholas: A musical anthology on drink 3.00 Country Greats in Concert: Nanci Griffith 4.00 The John Dunn Interview: Anna Murdoch (r) 4.30 Chris Stuart and Friends at the piano 5.00 Cinema 2 5.30 Screenplay (r) 6.00 Things Are Swinging 7.00 Pop Score (new series): Nostalgia quiz 7.30 BBC Concert Orchestra: Tour of Germany 1990. Music from the Gold and Silver Ages of Vienna 9.30 Easy Does It with the BBC Big Band 10.00 Radio 2 Arts Programme 12.05am It's a Funny Business: Doris Hare reminisces (r) 12.30am Colin Berry with Night Ride 3.00-4.00 A Little Night Music

RADIO 5

6.00am World Service: News and 24 Hours 6.30 Morning Edition, incl 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News; Sport 9.00 Sport 9.02am On Your Marks, incl 10.00, 11.00 News; Sport 12.00 News; Sport 12.04pm Sport on 4 Plus 1 (broadcast on Radio 4 at 9.05am) 12.30pm Sportscall: Phone-in quiz. Tel: 0345 909 693 1.30pm Sport on 5 with Jon Inverdale. Rugby League: Silk Cut Challenge Cup Final — Wigan v St Helens; Racing from Sandown Park: (3.00) Thresher Classic Trial; (3.30) Gordon Richards Stakes; (4.10) Whitbread Gold Cup; Football: Second Division action; Cricket: Fifth Test — West Indies v Australia 5.00 Sports Report 6.00 As Radio 4 7.10 Cricket Scoreboard 7.15 Talking Poetry (r) 7.45-11.00 As Radio 4, except 10.00-10.15 Sports Bulletin 11.00 Sports Bulletin 11.15 Fanshawe on Five (r) 12.00-12.15am News; Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. 5.30am The World Today 5.45 News Headlines in English and French 5.47 British Press Review 5.52 World Business Report 5.57 Travel and Weather News 6.00 Newsdesk 6.30 Londres Matin 6.59 Weather 7.00 Newsdesk 7.30 Meridian 8.00 World News 8.09 24 Hours; News Summary 8.30 From the Weeklies 8.45 The Havana International Guitar Festival 9.00 World News 9.09 Words of Faith 9.15 A Jolly Good Show 10.00 World News 10.05 Waveguide 10.15 Worldbrief 10.30 Personal View 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 News Summary 11.15 Club 648 11.30 Londres Midi 11.45 Mittagsmagazin 12.00 Newsdesk 12.30pm Meridian 1.00 World News 1.09 News About Britain 1.15 Multitrack 3 1.45 Sports Roundup 2.00 Newshour 3.01 Sportsworld 4.00 World News 4.15 BBC English 4.30 News and Features in German 4.59 Travel News 5.00 World and British News 5.15 BBC English 5.30 Londres Soir 6.14 Letter from America 6.15 BBC English 6.30 Heute Aktuell 7.00 German Features 7.54 News in German 8.00 World News 8.05 Write On... 8.15 Londres Dernière 8.30 Club 648 8.45 From the Weeklies 9.00 World News 9.09 Words of Faith 9.30 Meridian 10.00 Newshour 11.00 World News 11.05 Short Story: Trifling with the Juggernaut 11.20 Jazz for the Asking 11.50 Sports Roundup 12.00 World News 12.05am Words of Faith 12.10 Book Choice 12.15 A Jolly Good Show 1.00 Newsdesk 1.30 The Ken Bruce Show 2.01 Play of the Week: Sarcophagus 3.00 Newsdesk 3.30 The New Wind of Change in Africa 4.00 World News 4.05 News About Britain 4.15 From Our Own Correspondent 4.35 Write On... 4.45 News and Features in German

RADIO 3

6.35-6.55am Open University (FM only): Open Forum Magazine — News and Features about the OU
6.55 Weather; News Headlines
7.00 Morning Concert: Haydn (Symphony No 91 in E flat: Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra under Colin Davis)
7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (cont): Brahms (Horn Trio in E flat, Op 40: Barry Tuckwell, horn, Itzhak Perlman, violin, Vladimir Ashkenazy, piano); Fauré (Pavane: Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields under Neville Marriner); Ravel (Le Tombeau de Couperin: Montreal Symphony Orchestra under Charles Dutoit)
8.30 News
8.35 Ulster Orchestra under John Lubbock, led by Paul Willey, with Mateja Marinkovic, violin, performs Dvořák (Symphonic Variations); Lalo (Symphonie espagnole)
9.30 Saturday Review, with Richard Osborne. Record Review — Building a Library. Jerrold Northrop Moore on Elgar's Cello Concerto; Nicholas Kenyon reviews new and historic recordings of Kurt Weill. 10.40 Record Release: Weill (Berlin im Licht; Ensemble Modern); Schubert (Sonata in G, D 894: Michel Dalberto, piano); Vaughan Williams (Flos Campi: BBC Chorus, Philharmonia Orchestra under Adrian Boult, with William Primrose, viola). 11.54 Nicholas Kenyon reviews Choral Music on Record, edited by Alan Blyth. 12.05pm Mozart (Missa brevis in C, K 259; Organ Solo Mass: Soloists, Cologne Chamber Choir; Collegium Carthusianum under Peter Neumann); Weill (Symphony No 2: Gulbenkian Orchestra under Michel Swierczewski)
12.55pm Words: The journalist Mary Holland reflects on how broadcasting restrictions can affect language and meaning in Northern Ireland
1.00 News
1.05 Brahms and Franck: The pianist Jorge Federico Osorio plays Brahms (Rhapsody in B minor, Op 79 No 1; Four Ballades, Op 10); Franck (Prelude, Choral and Fugue) (r)
2.05 BBC Welsh Symphony Orchestra under Tadaaki Otaka, led by Jacqueline Hartley, with Dong-Suk Kang, violin, performs Rossini (Overture, Semiramide); Chausson (Poème, Op 25); Rachmaninov (Symphony No 2 in E minor, Op 27)
3.40 A Breath of Air: Mozart (Adagio in C, K 580a: Trio di Clarone, with Hans Deinzer, clarinet); Varèse (Density 21.5: Roberto Fabbriciani, flute); Bach, arr Robert Goldman (Gravement, Fantasia in G, BWV 572: Cleveland Symphonic Winds under Frederick Fennell)
4.00 Tuning Up: The pianist Nikolai Demidenko talks to Chris de Souza about teaching pupils at the Yehudi Menuhin School, and plays Medtner (Sonata tragica); Liszt (Two Legends); Chopin (Variations on Là ci darem la mano)
5.00 Jazz Record Requests, with Charles Fox
5.45 Third Opinion, with Christopher Cook. Includes reviews of *Patrimony*, Philip Roth's memoir of his father; Talawa Theatre's *Antony and Cleopatra* in Liverpool; and *Slippage* by the Rambert Dance Company; a report on the rediscovery of the French cinema of the Thirties; and a discussion on Michael Goldfarb's *American Civil War*
6.30 At the Gates of the Underworld: Orfeo. The first of four operas exploring the Orpheus myth. Luigi Rossi's tragicomedy, to a libretto by Francesco Buti, was first performed in the Palais Royal, Paris in 1647. Les Arts Florissants under William Christie performs Act 1 and 2. With Agnes Mellon, soprano, as Orfeo; Monique Zanetti, soprano, as Euridice; Sandrine Piau, soprano, as Aristeo; Noemi Rime, soprano, as Venere/Vittoria; and Jean-Paul Fouchecourt, tenor, as Vecchia/Giove. 8.25 Other Kingdoms. Jeremy Beadle considers the Orpheus myth (r). 8.45 Act 3
10.10 Issues, with Paul Barker (r)
10.35 Nash Ensemble, at the Belfast Music Society, performs Beethoven (Piano Quintet in E flat major, Op 16); Françaix (Wind Quintet); Michael Alcorn (Perichoresis); Poulenc (Sextet)
12.00 News
12.05am Close

RADIO 4

(s) Stereo on FM
6.00am News Briefing; Weather 6.10 The Farming Week 6.50 Prayer for the Day, with James Whitbourn 7.00 Today, incl 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 7.55, 8.58 Weather
9.00 News
9.05 Sport on 4, with Cliff Morgan
9.30 Breakaway: Ken Bruce with travel and holiday news
10.00 News; Loose Ends: Guest presenter Angus Deayton hosts an hour of live interjections (s)
11.00 News; The Week in Westminster, with Andrew Marr, political editor of the *Economist*
11.30 From Our Own Correspondent: Reflections of life and politics abroad
12.00 Money Box, with Louise Botting and Vincent Duggleby
12.25pm The News Quiz: Barry Took quizzes Richard Ingrams, Alan Coren and guests on the week's news (s) 12.55 Weather
1.00 News
1.10 Any Questions? Jonathan Dimbleby is joined in Weybridge, Surrey, by Jean Lambert; John Prescott, MP; Des Wilson; and Kenneth Baker (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Any Answers? 071-580 4411. Listeners can ring Jonathan Dimbleby with their views on the issues raised in *Any Questions?*
2.30 Saturday Playhouse: A Madman of Convenience
● CHOICE: Terry James's play is about a mid-19th century surgeon committed to Bedlam for 15 years, arrested for, but never charged with, attempted regicide. James is infuriatingly unhelpful in answering such questions as: where does the fiction in the case end and the fact begin; is madness a relative term; and is guilt a matter of degree, too? The one thing in James's play that is as clear as day is that John Shrapnel's machiavellian JP has all the subtlety of a pantomime villain. Jack Klaff plays the eponymous madman, and Samantha Bond is his amanuensis and, ultimately, his flawed champion (s)
4.00 News; The Living World: The Island of Saints. Lionel Kelleway follows a radio nature trail around the Welsh island of Bardsey, the legendary burial place for 20,000 saints
4.30 Science Now, with Alun Lewis
5.00 Work Talk: Ferdinand Dennis talks to the second of five people with a colonial past: Clyde Williams, chief executive of FullEmploy Training, who was born in Guyana (s) (r)
5.25 Week Ending: A satirical review of the week's news (s) (r) 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather
6.00 News; Sports Round-Up
6.25 Citizens: Omnibus edition (s)
7.10 Stop the Week, with Robert Robinson (s)
7.45 Classic Serial: The Mill on the Floss, by George Eliot (3 of 5) (s)
8.45 Kaleidoscope: The Man Who Makes Jazz. Jazz expert Bob Wilber recreated the classic sounds of the jazz age for the 1984 gangster film, *The Cotton Club*. He talks to Michael Dineen about his latest project in which he brings back to life the music of Bix Beiderbecke (s)
9.15 Music in Mind (s)
9.50 Ten to Ten, led by the Rev Keith Clements (s) 9.59 Weather
10.00 News
10.15 The Countryside in Spring: Mollie Harris visits the ancestral home of the Earl of Lichfield for the Shugborough Gamekeepers' Fair
10.45 For He Is an Englishman: Charles Arnold-Baker, born a Prussian aristocrat, reflects on English society (2 of 6) (s) (r)
11.00 Richard Baker Compares Notes on the role of music in the theatre with director Trevor Nunn, and Guy Woolfenden, the RSC's head of music (s) (r)
11.30 The Miles and Millner Show: The second of six programmes with Tom Miles and Rob Millner (s)
12.00-12.30am News, incl 12.20 Weather 12.33 Shipping

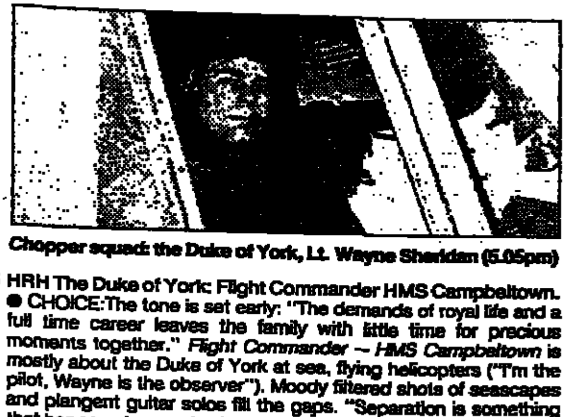
FREQUENCIES: Radio 1: 1053kHz/285m;1089kHz/275m;FM-97.6-99.8. Radio 2: FM-88-90.2. Radio 3: 1215kHz/ 247m; FM-90-92.4. Radio 4: 198kHz/1515m;FM-92.4-94.6. Radio 5: 693kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m. World Service: MW 648kHz/463m. Jazz FM 102.2. LBC: 1152kHz/261m; FM 97.3. Capital: 1548kHz/194m; FM 95.8. GLR: 1458kHz/206m; FM 94.9; Melody FM 104.9.

مكنز الاهرام

هكذا عن الأصل

BBC 1

7.10 Open University 8.55 Playdays (r)
9.15 Articles of Faith. The Rev Dr Kenneth Stevenson discusses the role of baptism for the earliest Christians (r) 9.30 This is the Day. Phyllis Thompson talks to *Taiwo Olaleye-Oruene*, the founder of an advice centre for African immigrants in London
10.00 When in France (r) Wales: (to 12.30) See You Sunday 10.25 Discovering Portuguese (r) 10.50 Step Up to Wordpower (r). (Ceefax) 11.15 A Way With Numbers. Maths for adults
11.40 Bazaar. Handy hints series (r) 12.05 Sign Extra: Making Their Mark. A day in the life of artist Mike Wilks, adapted for the hearing impaired
12.30 Country File. Michael Collie reports on the conflicting needs of coal and conservation. Wales: Farming in Wales 12.55 Weather
1.00 News followed by On the Record. Transport minister Malcolm Rifkind talks to Jonathan Dimbleby about the future of British Rail
2.00 EastEnders (r). (Ceefax)
3.00 Film: Genevieve (1953). Delightful comedy starring John Gregson and Dinah Sheridan as a veteran car enthusiast and his wife who take part in the *London to Brighton run in a 1904 two-seater* Darracq. With Kenneth More and Kay Kendall. Directed by Henry Cornelius
4.20 Eurovision Song Contest Preview presented by Ken Bruce



Chopper squad: the Duke of York, Lt. Wayne Sheridan (5.05pm)

5.05 HRH The Duke of York: Flight Commander HMS Campbeltown.
● CHOICE: The tone is set early: "The demands of royal life and a full time career leaves the family with little time for precious moments together." *Flight Commander — HMS Campbeltown* is mostly about the Duke of York at sea, flying helicopters ("I'm the pilot, Wayne is the observer"). Moody filtered shots of seascapes and plangent guitar solos fill the gaps. "Separation is something that happens to everybody, and everybody is in the same boat" — rather obviously so in this case. Behaviour aboard is distinguished by much straightforward blokishness, a fondness for cliché, and the result appears to be a remarkably uncomplicated world in which everyone has his place, the only blip being how to accommodate a member of the royal family, he being who he is, and protocol and all that. The strange, hermetic life of the senior *service gets the straight-faced treatment.* (Ceefax)
5.55 Masterchef. Amateur cooking competition
6.25 News with Moira Stuart. (Ceefax) Weather
6.40 Songs of Praise from Belfast's Castle Court Shopping Centre. (Ceefax)
7.15 Butterflies. Carla Lane's bittersweet comedy from the Seventies starring Wendy Craig as Ria, a bored housewife (r) (Ceefax)
7.45 All Creatures Great and Small. Christopher Timothy, Robert Hardy and Peter Davison return in the classic veterinary series set in the Yorkshire Dales (r). (Ceefax)
8.35 Tonight at 8.30: The Astonished Heart starring Joan Collins. This story of a psychiatrist (John Alderton) who is ruined by sexual obsession is one of Coward's serious pieces. (Ceefax)
9.05 News with Martyn Lewis. (Ceefax) Weather
9.20 That's Life! presented by Esther Rantzen
10.00 Mastermind. The specialist subjects are Venetian art 1450-1600, *Field Marshal Lord Allenby*, the history of Scotland 1058-1329, and the Third Reich 1933-1945
10.30 Everyman.
● CHOICE: *Everyman* takes a timely and wary look at the media manipulations of the very flash Rev Al Sharpton, the James Brown of New York preachers and inspiration for the Rev Bacon in Tom Wolfe's *The Bonfire of the Vanities*. A lively feeling for the vernacular is the distinguishing feature of all the contributors, for and against Sharpton, though none can match the preacher's silver tongue. "When there's racial victimisation in this city, I'm there," he says; "stirring", say opponents. A Sharpton performance is something to behold — all delivery and attitude. The media find him quotable, master of the 30 second sound bite, and "good to cut to," as one observer succinctly puts it. The case against him emerges strongly, but all are agreed on his power: "Like *a snake-oil salesman, he knows how to get you into the tent*"
11.20 Walk the Talk. Continuing the series on successful management. Northern Ireland: Belfast A Control Zone 11.50 Walk the Talk 12.15 Mahabharat. Wales: Welsh TUC Conference 11.50 Walk the Talk 12.15 The Sky at Night 12.35 News headlines and weather
11.45 The Sky at Night. Patrick Moore is joined by Dr Donald Yeomans to discuss comets
12.05am Mahabharat (r).12.45 Weather.

BBC 2

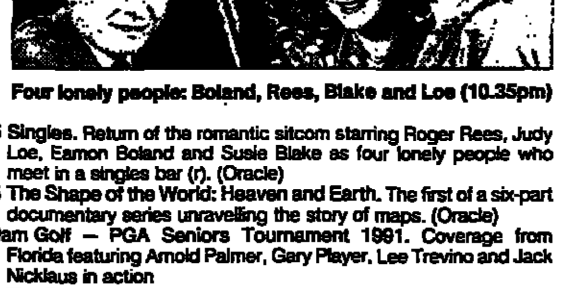
6.35 Open University: Discovering 16th century Strasbourg 7.00 Luminance and Spectroscopy 7.25 Calculus — Iteration and Convergence 7.50 Canal and Harbour Modelling 8.15 A Telescope in Space 8.40 Music — Harmony 9.05 Data Modelling — The Wood from the Trees 9.30 Design — Assembly of Lorries 9.55 Arts — Cragside 10.20 Biology Form and Function — Nerves 10.45 Maths — Area Games 11.10 Open Advice — Something for Everyone 11.35 Steels, Stars and Spectra
12.00 Regional Parliamentary programmes: Wales: Sign Extra 12.25 Animation Now; Northern Ireland: 1992 The European Challenge 12.30 Cameo — Living Lakes East
12.40 Sunday Grandstand introduced by Steve Rider. The line-up is (subject to alteration): 12.45 Motor Racing: Live coverage of the San Marino Grand Prix from Imola, Italy, with commentary by Murray Walker and James Hunt; 2.30 Squash: the final of the men's British open championship between Jansher Khan and Jahangir Khan and the women's final between Lisa Opie and Sue Wright at Wembley. Introduced by Tony Gubba and Jonah Barrington; 3.00 Snooker: Quarter-finals of the Embassy world professional championship from the Crucible, Sheffield, with commentary by Ted Lowe, Jack Karnehm and Clive Everton; 4.00 Ice Hockey: final of the Heineken British championship from Wembley Arena introduced by Barry Davies and Red Imrie
5.00 Rugby Special. Chris Rea introduces highlights from the National Sevens held at Bath. Wales: Rugby Special Wales Northern Ireland: Rugby Special Northern Ireland
6.00 Free Kuwait? In the aftermath of the Gulf war, producer Jim McDougall's documentary asks the questions nobody wanted to ask about nationalistic divisions in Kuwait. Reunited and reinstated, privileged Kuwaiti families enjoy rights denied to Palestinian, Jordanian, exiled Iraqi and other Arab communities. Will the Kuwaiti governing élite attempt reform of the wide-ranging inequalities inherent in the present system?
6.35 The Money Programme: Volkswagen — The Great Gamble. Can Volkswagen repeat the success of the Beetle with its updated Golf? Tom Maddocks reports on the company's attempts to withstand the Japanese competition for dominance in east and west Europe
7.15 The Last African Flying Boat. Bafta award-winning documentary in which Alexander Frater retraces the Imperial Airways route from Cairo to the Cape in a flying boat (r)
8.30 Grand Prix: San Marino Grand Prix from Imola, Italy. This year's first European grand prix with commentary by Murray Walker and James Hunt

Unearthing a mole: Alec Guinness as George Smiley (9.05pm)

9.05 Tinker, Tailor , Soldier, Spy. Episode one of of Arthur Hopcraft's award-winning seven-part dramatisation of the John le Carré novel. Alec Guinness heads an all-star cast as Smiley, the retired intelligence officer, recommissioned to hunt down a mole operating from within the highest echelons of the British Secret *Service. Bernard Hepton, Ian Richardson, Michael Aldridge and* Terence Rigby are the suspects (r). (Ceefax)
9.55 Snooker. The 1991 Embassy world championship. Further coverage of the second round including the match which should pit Jimmy White against Neil Foulds, from the Crucible; Sheffield. Commentary by Ted Lowe, Jack Karnehm and Clive Everton
12.00 Rapido. Exotic music series presented by Antoine de Caunes (r). Ends at 12.30am

ITV

6.00 TV-am. Includes, at 8.00, Frost on Sunday. There are highlights of David Frost's interview with the prime minister earlier in the week, and Alan Beith, MP, discussing the new council tax. Reviewing the newspapers are Carol Thatcher and Anthony Howard
9.25 The Disney Family Movie: 14 Going On 30 (1988). Part one of a comedy starring Patrick Duffy, Loretta Swit, Steve Eckholdt and Gabey Olds. Through his genius friend's "growth acceleration" invention, 14-year-old Danny transforms himself into an adult and masquerades as his school's new headmaster. Directed by Paul Schneider. Part two is at the same time next week
10.15 The Littlest Hobo. More adventures with the itinerant canine
10.45 Link. Peter White continues his look at transport for the disabled
11.00 Morning Worship from the Roman Catholic Chapel of Berkeley Castle near Thornbury in Gloucestershire
12.00 Visions. Nick Stuart and athlete Tessa Sanderson discuss the role of religion in politics and current affairs
12.30 LWT News Weekend
1.00 News and weather
1.10 Walden. Brian Walden interviews the leader of the Opposition, Neil Kinnock. Followed by The Day
2.05 Film: The Greatest Show on Earth (1952). Charlton Heston, Dorothy Lamour and James Stewart star in an Oscar-winning romp set amid the big-top adventures of a travelling circus troupe. Stewart is particularly well-cast as a clown with a mysterious past in this heady mix of romance, comedy, slapstick stunts, adventure and action. Directed by Cecil B. DeMille
4.55 Gazza — the Real Me. Paul Gascoigne went to the 1990 World Cup in Italy as a young man of 22 and returned a national hero. For the first time on television the injury-prone Gascoigne tells the story of his meteoric rise to celebrity status and talks about his background in northeast England and the people who influence him and his game
6.00 Bullseye. Darts and general knowledge game
6.30 News and weather 6.35 LWT News and weather
6.40 Highway. Last of the series with Sir Harry Secombe singing and worshipping in Knaresborough, North Yorkshire
7.15 Watching. Tepid sitcom starring Paul Bown and Emma Wray as star-crossed lovers Malcolm and Brenda (r). (Oracle)
7.45 The Darling Buds of May: When the Green Woods Laugh. Fourth part of the superb comedy-drama series based on the novels by H.E. Bates and starring David Jason and Pam Ferris as the heads of the riotous Larkin family. Pop is hoping for a "perfick" wedding between his daughter Mariette (Catherine Zeta-Jones) and former tax-inspector Cedric "Charlie" Charlton (Philip Franks). His hopes are nearly dashed, however, when the boys in blue arrive and charge him with indecent assault. (Oracle)
8.45 News and weather 9.00 LWT Weather
9.05 Jeeves and Wooster. Another P.G. Wodehouse tale brought to life by Hugh Laurie and Stephen Fry as the foppish Bertie Wooster and his unflappable valet, Jeeves. Tonight romance is in the air when Bertie is subjected to the match-making plans of his awesome aunt Agatha. (Oracle)
10.05 Spitting Image. The latex puppets return for more hit-or-miss satirical swipes at the famous



Four lonely people: Boland, Rees, Blake and Loe (10.35pm)

10.35 Singles. Return of the romantic sitcom starring Roger Rees, Judy Loe, Eamon Boland and Susie Blake as four lonely people who meet in a singles bar (r). (Oracle)
11.05 The Shape of the World: Heaven and Earth. The first of a six-part documentary series unravelling the story of maps. (Oracle)
12.10am Golf — PGA Seniors Tournament 1991. Coverage from Florida featuring Arnold Palmer, Gary Player, Lee Trevino and Jack Nicklaus in action
1.10 The ITV Chart Show (r)
2.10 New Music. Celebrity interviews and music videos
3.10 Derrick. *German police drama series*
4.20 Pick of the Week. Jenny Powell presents highlights of the best and most bizarre moments from regional television
4.50 Backstage. Behind the scenes of Hollywood
5.00 The Lawless Years. Tony Morelli is intimidated by the "mob" into running a dishonest dock on New York's waterfront during the Twenties
5.30 ITN Morning News. Ends at 6.00

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Trans World Sport (r) 7.00 Eureeka's Castle 7.30 Foofur 8.00 Sharkey and George 8.30 Betty's Bunch 8.55 California Raisin Show
9.25 Malgudi Days: Swamy and Friends. Nine-year-old Swamy and his friends are in a state of panic over their forthcoming exams
10.00 A Week in Politics — Second Reading. Includes Bryan Gould, MP, on the new council tax
10.45 Dennis 11.00 Beat That (r)
11.30 The Lone Ranger (b/w) Vintage western series 12.00 The Waltons 1.00 Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea (b/w) (r)
2.00 Film: The Strange Loves of Martha Ivers (1946, b/w). Brilliant example of *film noir* with Barbara Stanwyck, Kirk Douglas (in his first major role), Van Heflin and Lizabeth Scott. Stanwyck plays the evil protagonist who murdered her aunt as a child at the behest of her tutor and was eventually blackmailed into marriage by the only witness, Douglas, who is now the district attorney. However, 18 years on, Stanwyck's former childhood sweetheart (Heflin) returns coincidentally to appeal to the DA for the release of Lizabeth Scott, *wrongly jailed for the original crime*. Directed by *Lewis Milestone*
4.10 A Midsummer Night's Dream. A Dutch animation (r)
4.55 News summary and weather followed by The Nectar of Immortality. A documentary about a religious gathering of more than seven million Hindus on the banks of the River Ganges
5.30 Women's Soccer '91: Women's FA Cup Final. Highlights of Doncaster Belles hoping to retain their title against Millwall Lionesses at Tranmere
6.30 The Wonder Years. Kevin (Fred Savage) faces more tragi-comic teenage angst
7.00 Fragile Earth: Global Dumping Ground.
● CHOICE: In 1989 a government-sponsored commission predicted that if Taiwan continues to ravage its environment it will be uninhabitable within a decade. The pollution level is a result of Taiwan — and countries like it — agreeing to get rid of the toxic waste of more affluent nations, a profitable but deadly business: discarded US batteries smashed apart for usable scrap in Taiwan poison the workers with lead and acid; fumes from scrap metal factories force locals to wear face masks. Taiwan's clients include such US government organisations as the army, the navy and the Bureau of Engraving. *Global Dumping Ground*, the result of a two year investigation, shows how the export and disposal of toxic waste has become big business operating in the margins of international law. Says one big US multi-million dollar exporter of toxic waste, "We're basically pioneers in the surplus chemical business." (Teletext)
7.55 The A-Z of Censorship: Z. The final instalment of the short censorship slot
8.00 Hard News. Includes *The Times*'s media correspondent, Melinda Wittstock, on the British press's coverage of foreign news
8.30 A Triumph of Eagles. A documentary about the huge population of African fish eagles which populate the shores of Lake Malawi and their system of co-existence with local fishermen (r)
9.00 Banned: The Last Word. A discussion on the issues raised by the recent *Banned* season
10.00 Film On Four: Hope and Glory (1987)
● CHOICE: John Boorman's film about his wild childhood in suburban Carshalton in the Blitz makes an interesting comparison with J.G. Ballard's *Empire of the Sun*, about his boyhood internment in a Japanese camp near Shanghai, for how the experience shaped each of them: both grow into artists interested principally in myth. But where Boorman became an adventurous film-maker, travelling in search of landscapes he could incorporate into his increasingly visionary films, Ballard settled in London's outer suburbs, not so far from where Boorman grew up, and dreamt up his visionary landscapes in his head. *Hope and Glory* shows how Boorman's themes were shaped: it bridges the urban-rural divide that is a feature of his work, and acknowledges the source of his fascination with rivers. The film — clearly shot for the cinema — looks well on television, perhaps because its themes of childhood and the past are precisely those that television drama has made its own

Autobiographical: John Boorman's film about the Blitz (10.00pm)

12.05am Did You Used to be R.D. Laing? A portrait of the popular psychiatrist, filmed during a series of lectures and workshops in Canada. Ends at 1.55am

ITV VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: 12.30-1.00 Farming Diary 2.00 Members Only 2.30 Film: The Sea Chase 4.40-4.55 Cartoons 6.00-6.30 The Village Show 12.05 The New Avengers 1.05 Soap 1.35 CinemAttractions 2.05 Film: Boulevard des Assassins 4.05 Vivid 4.35-5.30 The Silk Road

BORDER

As London except: 12.30-1.00 Gardening Time 2.00 Gazza — the Real Me 3.00 Film: The Dolly Sisters 5.00-6.00 Scotsport 6.00-6.30 The Munro Show 12.05 Prisoner: Cell Block H 1.00 Quiz Night 1.30 I Spy 2.25 The Funny Farm 2.55 Film: They Got Me Covered 4.35-5.30 The ITV Chart Show

CENTRAL

As London except: 12.30-1.00 Gardening Time 2.00 The New Avengers 3.00 Transworld Venture 4.00 Gazza — The Real Me 5.05 Hard Time on Planet Earth 6.00-6.30 The Munsters Today 12.05 Prisoner: Cell Block H 1.00 Santa Barbara 1.05 The Chart Show 2.45 The Forum Presents 3.45 Profile 4.05-5.30 Central Jobfinder '91

GRANADA

As London except: 12.30-1.00 Granada This Week 2.00 Richmond Hill 3.30 The Spectacular World of Guinness Records 4.00 Gazza — The Real Me 5.05 Bullseye 5.35-6.30 Coronation Street 10.35 The Shape of the World 11.35 Singles 12.05 Prisoner: Cell Block H 1.00 Quiz Night 1.30 I Spy 2.25 Funny Farm 2.55 Film: They Got Me Covered" 4.35-5.30 The ITV Chart Show

HTV WEST

As London except: 12.30-1.00 Clive's Characters 2.00 HTV Newsweek 2.30 Dr Seuss on the Loose 2.55-4.55 Film: Esther Waters 6.00-6.30 Who's The Boss 12.05 Queen Elizabeth Foundation Pop Concert 1.20 The ITV Chart Show 2.15 Five Star 3.15 The Hit Man and Her 5.05-5.30 Jobfinder

HTV WALES

As HTV West except: 12.30-1.00 Survival — the First 30 Years 2.00-2.30 Farming Wales

TSW

As London except: 12.30-1.00 Farming News 2.00 Fisheries News 2.15 Coronation Street 3.10 Film: The Iron Maiden 5.05 Bullseye 5.35-6.30 Hard Times on Planet Earth 12.05 *In the Heat of the Night* 1.00 Quiz Night 1.30 I Spy 2.25 The Funny Farm 3.00 Film: They Got Me Covered" 4.35-5.30 The ITV Chart Show

TVS

As London except: 12.30 TVS News followed by Agenda 2.00-4.55 Film: The Greatest Show on Earth 6.00-6.30 The River Thames 12.05 The Human Factor 12.35 Police Precinct 1.35 The ITV Chart Show 2.35 The Munsters 3.05 The Twilight Zone 3.30 Pick of the Week 4.00 The Hit Man and Her 5.00-5.30 A Taste of the South

TYNE TEES

As London except: 12.25-1.00 Breakthroughs 2.00 Bullseye 2.30 The Back Page 3.00 A Seat in the Stands 4.00 Gazza — The Real Me 5.05 Northern Life Review 5.35-6.30 Coronation Street 12.05 Prisoner: Cell Block H 1.00 Quiz Night 1.30 I Spy 2.25 The Funny Farm 2.55 Film: They Got Me Covered" 4.35-5.30 The ITV Chart Show

ULSTER

As London except: 12.30-1.00 Gardening Time 2.00 Film: Boy on a Dolphin 4.00 Gazza — The Real Me 5.05 Bullseye 5.35-6.30 Coronation Street 12.05 Prisoner: Cell Block H 1.00 Quiz Night 1.30 I Spy 2.25 The Funny Farm 2.55 Film: They Got Me Covered" 4.35-5.30 The ITV Chart Show

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 12.25 Goals on Sunday 12.50-1.00 Calendar News 2.00 The Life and Times of Grizzly Adams 2.55-4.55 Film: The Assassination Bureau 6.00 Coming of Age 12.05 Hooperman 12.35 Pick of the Week 1.05 The Twilight Zone 1.35 The ITV Chart Show 2.35 Books By My Bedside 3.05 Family Theatre 4.00 On The Live Side 4.30-5.30 Jobfinder

S4C

Starts: 6.00am Trans World Sport 7.00 Eureeka's Castle 7.30 Foofur 8.00 Sharkey And George 8.30 Betty's Bunch 9.00 California Raisin show 9.25 The Adventures of TinTin 9.30 Beat That 10.00 A Week In Politics 10.45 Voyage To the Bottom Of the Sea" 12.00 The Waltons 12.55 Acen 1.20 O Bedwar Ban 1.30 Bwrw Mlaen 2.00 Fragile Earth 3.00 Banned: Swing Under the Swastika 4.00 Film: Crest Of the Wave (Gene Kelly, Sid James) 5.45 Crystal Maze 6.45 San Steffan 7.05 Hollhwn A Holliad 8.00 Hel Straeon 9.00 Dihirod Dyfed 9.45 Ffiniau 10.05 Snwcer 10.35 Banned: Mother Ireland 11.35 Hard News 12.05 Did You Used To Be R.D. Laing? 1.55 Diwedd

RTE 1

Starts: 10.25am Australia's Improbable Animals 11.15 Morning Worship 12.00 The Allen Years 12.50 Marketplace 1.20 Little House On The Prairie 2.10 News followed by Growing Freedom 2.45 Charley Chase 3.10 Film: Great Expectations (John Mills, Valerie Hobson) *5.10 Eurovision Song Contest Preview* 6.00 The Angelus 6.01 Six-One Sunday 6.30 The Adventures Of the Black Stallion 7.05 The Cosby Show 7.35 Shades Of Red 8.05 Murder She Wrote: Trials and Tribulations 9.00 News 9.20 Bringing It All Back Home 10.20 Hanly's People 10.55 Today Tonight Special 11.25 News 11.30 Close

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.00am *Bailey's Bird* 6.30 Castaway 7.00 Fun Factory 11.00 Eight is Enough 12.00 That's Incredible 1.00pm The New Adventures of Wonder Women 2.00 WWF Superstars of Wrestling 3.00 Those Amazing Animals 4.00 The Love Boat 5.00 Small Wonder 5.30 Sky Star Search 6.30 The Simpsons 7.00 21 Jump Street 8.00 Roots: The Next Generation. First of a seven-part mini series 10.00 Falcon Crest 11.00 Entertainment Tonight 12.00 Skytext

SKY NEWS

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
News on the hour.
5.00am Sunrise 5.30 Target 9.00 Sunrise 9.30 Those Were the days 10.30 Getaway 11.30 Financial Times Business Weekly 1.30pm Target 2.30 David Frost Talks with John Major 3.30 Getaway 4.30 Those Were The Days 5.00 Live At Five 6.30 Financial Times Business Weekly 7.30 David Frost Talks with John Major 8.30 Target 10.30 Financial Times Business Weekly 11.30 The World: A Television History 12.30am Target 1.30 Financial Times Business Weekly 2.30 Those Were the Days 3.30 Getaway 4.30 Those Were the Days

● Via the Marcopolo satellite only.
News on the hour.
1.30pm Abbado Gala Concert 3.30 Getaway 4.30 Documentary: Art of the South Pacific 7.30 Opera: The Mikado 10.30 Arts Programming: Paratore Brothers

SKY MOVIES+

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.00am Showcase, incl at 7.40 Entertainment Tonight
8.00 The Goodbye Girl (1979): A fading chorus girl and an aspiring actor are forced to share an apartment. Starring Richard Dreyfuss and Marsha Mason
10.00 *Beaches* (1988): Bette Midler and Barbara Hershey enjoy a 30-year friendship
12.00 Farewell to the King (1988): A US army deserter (Nick Nolte) becomes king to a Borneo tribe. Co-stars Nigel Havers
2.00pm The Woo Woo Kid (1987). The true story of a 15-year-old boy who married two older women. Starring Patrick Dempsey
3.35 The Best of Carry On Holiday: Highlights from the *Carry On* movies
4.00 Burning Secret (1988): A baron strikes up a friendship with an asthmatic boy in order to get closer to the boy's mother. Starring David Eberts and Faye Dunaway
6.00 The Witching of Ben Wagner: A boy befriends a girl whose mother is rumoured to be a witch. Starring Sam Bottoms
7.40 Projector
8.00 The Chocolate War (1989): A Catholic schoolboy stands up for his principles and falls foul of a bullying headmaster and a secret society. Starring John Glover
10.00 Crackhouse (1989): A couple fight the drug dealers in their neighbourhood
11.35 Twisted Nerve (1968): After killing his stepfather, a schizophrenic (Hywel Bennett) pursues Hayley Mills
1.45am Married to the Mob (1989): Gangster comedy starring Michelle Pfeiffer
4.00 Mother, Jugs and Speed (1976): Medical mercenaries operate an unconventional ambulance service. Ends at 5.40

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.15am 711 Ocean Drive (1950, *b/w*): A racketeer becomes head of a gambling syndicate. Starring Edmund O'Brien
8.15 Codename: Emerald (1985): A Nazi double agent becomes involved in a plot to kidnap the man who holds the plans for the D-Day invasion. Starring Ed Harris
10.15 The Black Book (1949, b/w): Opposing sides in the French Revolution struggle for possession of a small black book which contains vital secrets
12.15pm Cheaper By the Dozen (1950): Clifton Webb and Myrna Loy must conduct their lives with mathematical precision in order to control their 12 children
2.15 Dr Snuggles: Cartoon
4.15 Somewhere In Time (1980): Christopher Reeve falls in love with a woman (Jane Seymour) in an antique painting and wills himself back through time to meet her
6.15 Indiana Jones and The Last Crusade *(1989): Starring Harrison Ford*
8.20 The Burbs (1989). Tom Hanks becomes inquisitive about his new neighbours
10.15 Fatal Attraction (1987): Michael Douglas soon regrets the day he ever met Glenn Close
12.15am Take a Girl Like You (1970) Teacher Hayley Mills has man problems
2.00 The Executioner (1976): Violent tale of a Mafia feud. Starring Dominic Mocell
3.50 Number One (1984): Bob Geldof stars as a snooker champion. Ends at 5.30

SKY SPORTS

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
10.00am Scottish Football Magazine 11.00 Monte Carlo Open Tennis 1.00pm Live Refuge League Cricket: Lancashire v Northants 6.00 Monte Carlo Open Tennis 8.00 Formula 1 Grand Prix of San Marino 10.00 Live Test Match Cricket 12.00 Scottish Football Magazine 1.00am Monte Carlo Open Tennis: The Final

EUROSPORT

● Via the Astra satellite.
6.00am Hour of Power 7.00 Fun Factory 9.00 Transworld Sport 10.00 Formula 1 Grand Prix of San Marino 10.30 Tae-Kwondo World Championships 11.00 Sunday Alive: Superbouts; Virginia Slims Tennis; Formula 1 Grand Prix of San Marino, Ice Hockey World Championships 6.00 The World League of American Football 10.00 The Game of Billions 11.00 Formula 1 Grand Prix of San Marino 1.00am Test Match Cricket 2.00 Indoor Hockey

SCREENSPORT

● Via the Astra satellite.
7.00am Motor Sport NHRA 8.00 Major League Baseball 9.00 Volvo PGA European Golf Tour 10.00 Pro Box 12.00 Stop-USWA Wrestling 1.00pm Tenpin Bowling 2.00 Hippodrome 2.30 Weekend Live Volvo PGA European Golf Tour 3.30 German Rally Championships 4.00 Go 5.00 Revs 5.30 Weekend Live Motorsport Nascar 9.00 Rallycross 10.00 *International Ice Hockey* 12.00 Tenpin Bowling

LIFESTYLE

● Via the Astra satellite.
12.00 Johnny Ringo 12.30pm The Bill Dana Show 1.00 The Joan Rivers Show 1.50 The Detectives 2.45 Spain Spain International Cuisine 3.00 World Class Championship Wrestling 4.00 Rocky Jones 4.25 Afternoon Cinema: Time Warp 6.00 The Sell-a-Vision Shopping Programme 8.00 Close 10.00 The Sell-a-Vision Shopping Programme 12.00 Satellite Jukebox

MTV

● Via the Astra satellite.
Twenty-four hours of rock and pop

RADIO 3

6.35-6.55am Open University (FM only) 6.55 Weather
7.00 Morning Concert: Verdi (Overture, Aida: LSO under Claudio Abbado); Dvořák (Romance: St Paul CO under Pinchas Zukerman, violin)
7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (cont): Arnold (English Dances, Op 27: Philharmonia under Thomson); Haydn (Six Scottish Folk Songs: Janet Baker, Yehudi Menuhin, violin, George Malcolm, harpsichord); Schubert (Symphony No 1 in D: Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields under Marriner)
8.30 News
8.35 Ayres for the Theatre (new series): Eight programmes of Restoration stage *music by* Henry Purcell and his contemporaries. Parley of Instruments under Roy Goodman and Peter Holman perform Purcell (The Prophetess, or The History of Dioclesian Dialogue, Tell Me Why); Locke (The Tempest)
9.15 Glenn Gould, piano and harpsichord, plays Handel (Suite No 1 in A); Bach (French Suite No 4 in E flat, BWV 815): Wagner, trans Gould (Siegfried Idyll); Bach (Sonata in G minor, BWV 1029: Leonard Rose, cello)
10.15 Music Weekly
11.00 From the Proms 1990: LSO under Michael Tilson Thomas plays Walton (Overture, Portsmouth Point); Beethoven (Piano Concerto No 1 in C, Op 15); Berlioz (La Mort de Cléopâtre); Janáček (Sinfonietta). Incl 11.45 Interval Reading
12.45pm Table Talk, with Leslie Forbes. Hugo Williams reads a new poem about the food of his childhood, and tries to make pancakes
1.00 News
1.05 Your Concert Choice: Villa-Lobos (Harmonica Concerto: Robert Bonfiglio; NY Chamber Symphony under Schwarz): Ives (Variations on America: Simon Preston, organ); Debussy (Syrinx: James Galway, flute); Barber (Knoxville, Summer of 1915: City of London Sinfonia under Hickox): Martinů (Le Jazz: Lubomir Panek Singers; Prague SO under Vostrak); Bernstein (Symphonic Dances, West Side Story: Los Angeles PO under Bernstein)
2.30 Chamber Music from Birmingham: The pianist Joanna MacGregor plays Bartók (*Suite, Out of Doors*); Ligeti (Six Studies for piano, Book 1, 1985); Rzewski (Winnsboro Cotton Mill Blues); Lindberg (Twine); Debussy (12 Studies for piano, Nos 1, 7, 3, 9, 11, 5), incl 3.05 Interval Reading
4.00 Poet of the Month: Henry Graham
4.10 BBC Concert Orchestra under Barry Wordsworth performs Franck (Symphonic poem, Redemption); Vieuxtemps (Violin Concerto No 4 in D minor: Qian Zhou); Saint-Saëns (Symphonic poem, Phaëton) (r)
5.00 Soundings: Cultivating the Garden. Michael Oliver takes a musical journey through Kent
6.00 In Praise of God: From St Brides Church, Fleet Street
7.00 Grieg (Violin Sonata No 3 in C minor, Op 45: Dmitri Sitkovetsky, Bella Davidovitch, piano)
7.30 Sunday Play: When We Dead Awaken
● CHOICE: Helpfully, for those who have problems coming to grips with Ibsen's last play on the printed page, Robert Ferguson's translation clarifies many of those troublesome metaphors. And, although we *may not be able to receive all* the mystical messages it transmits, the important one — that the number one sin is to neglect love in favour of art — comes over loud and clear. All three of the main transmitters — Paul Scofield (neglectful sculptor), Imogen Stubbs (redundant wife) and Cheryl Campbell (discarded mistress) operate on full power, and director Ned Chaillet never takes his eyes off the dials on Ibsen's emotional dynamos
9.10 Chopin: The pianist Janina Fialkowska plays Four Mazurkas, Op 24 (r)
9.25 LSO at the Barbican, and Chorus, under Michael Tilson Thomas perform Britten (The Children's Crusade); Ravel (L'Enfant et les Sortilèges), incl 9.50 Interval Reading
10.50 Schubert (String Quartet in D minor, D 810, Death and the Maiden: Emerson Quartet) (r)
11.30 Chopin (Sonata in B flat minor, Op 35: Janina Fialkowska, piano) (r)
12.00 News 12.05am Close

RADIO 4

(s) Stereo on FM
6.00am News Briefing; Weather 6.10 Prelude (s) 6.30 News; *Morning Has Broken* (s) 6.55 Weather
7.00 News 7.10 Sunday Papers 7.15 The Living World: The Island of Saints (r) 7.40 Sunday incl 7.55 Weather
8.00 News 8.10 Sunday Papers 8.50 Frank Muir speaks for the *Week's Good Cause* on behalf of an organisation which offers support to chest, heart and stroke sufferers 8.55 Weather
9.00 News 9.10 Sunday Papers
9.15 Letter from America (r)
9.30 Morning Service from West Cliff Baptist Church, Bournemouth
10.15 The Archers: Omnibus edition
11.15 News Stand
11.30 Pick of the Week (s) (r)
12.15pm Desert Island Discs: Sue Lawley's castaway is Dame Shirley Porter, the controversial leader of Westminster City Council 12.55 Weather
1.00 The World This Weekend 1.55 Shipping Forecast
2.00 Gardeners' Question Time: Members of the Brecknock Gardening Association in Brecon, Powys, put their queries to the panel
2.30 Sunday Playhouse: To Die in Africa, by David Mowat. During the final hours of the *siege of Khartoum, General* Gordon (Paul Daneman) struggles with an enemy — himself (s) (r)
4.00 News; Shock Waves: The Officials (r)
4.47 Time for Verse: Carol Ann Duffy visits the Hull Poetry Festival (s)
5.00 News; Down Your Way: In the second of two programmes, writer Bel Mooney takes an alternative tour of Bath
5.40 Tales of Earth and Water: Nigel Barley completes his five-part anthropological ramble through Indonesia (s) (r) 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather
6.00 News 6.15 Feedback (r)
6.30 The Deserted Child: Victoria's Values. Neville-Teller explores the possible reasons for Queen Victoria's stern views about family life (1 of 2) (s)
7.00 In Business: Does Whitehall Mean Business?
● CHOICE: Any time now, *Peter Lilley, trade and industry* secretary, will reveal what he thinks the role of the DTI should be in the Nineties, so Peter Day's investigative report on how *others* — industrialists, politicians, lobbyists — view the DTI's role is well timed. Lilley tonight encapsulates his beliefs in a sentence: he thinks his department should try to provide a competitive environment for industry and give it a more innovative culture. Characteristically, one of his predecessors, Tony Benn, gloomily forecasts that unless Brussels's grip on Britain's manufacturing industry can be eased, we will have to depend for our livelihood on tweeds, tourism, whisky and the Queen (s) (r)
7.30 Bookshelf: Peter Mayle, author of the best-selling travel journal, *A Year in Provence*, introduces the sequel, *Toujours Provence*, and a browse around the bookshelves of novelist Leslie Thomas (r)
8.00 Punters: Listeners report on a variety of issues (r)
8.40 Reading Aloud: To School Through the Fields: an Irish *Country Childhood*. Maggie Shelvin reads from Alice Taylor's account of growing up on a farm in Co. Cork, Ireland, in the Forties
9.00 News; Treasure Islands (r)
9.15 The Natural History Programme (r) 9.59 Weather
10.00 News
10.15 The Guilty Party: Professor Anthony Clare and Fr Wilfrid McGreal O Carm investigate the psychological and religious origins of guilt, both personal and collective (s) (r)
11.00 In Committee: The work of Parliament's select committees
11.30 Seeds of Faith: Dr Kenneth Stevenson traces the historical significance of the late evening office of Compline (s)
12.00-12.30am News, incl 12.20 Weather 12.33 Shipping Forecast

FREQUENCIES: Radio 1: 1053kHz/285m;1089kHz/275m;FM-97.6-99.8. Radio 2: FM-88-90.2. Radio 3: 1215kHz/ 247m; FM-90-92.4. Radio 4: 198kHz/1515m;FM-92.4-94.6. Radio 5: 693kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m. World Service: MW 648kHz/463m. Jazz FM 102.2. LBC: 1152kHz/261m; FM 97.3. Capital: 1548kHz/194m; FM 95.8. GLR: 1458kHz/206m; FM 94.9; Melody FM 104.9.

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. 5.00am Jenny Costello 7.00 The Bruno and Liz Breakfast Show 9.30 Dave Lee Travis 12.30pm Pick of the Pops: Top 20 of 1963, 1972 and 1985 2.30 Jakki Brambles 4.30 The Complete UK Top 40 7.00 Anne Nightingale's Request Show 9.00 Andy Kershaw 11.00-2.00am John Peel

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. 4.00am David Allan 6.00 Graham Knight 7.30 Colin Semper 9.05 Richard Baker with Melodies for You 11.00 Desmond Carrington: Radio 2 All-Time Greats 2.00pm Benny Green 3.00 Alan Dell with Sounds Easy 4.00 Marking Time: An evocation of the events of 1929 (4 of 6) 4.30 Sing Something Simple (r) 5.00 Charlie Chester 7.00 The World of Jerry Goldsmith 8.00 Duets for Four (1 of 3) (r) 8.30 Sunday Half Hour 9.00 Alan Keith with Your Hundred Best Tunes 10.00 Radio 2 Arts Programme 12.05am They're Singing Our Song (new series): Songs for Swinging Statesmen 1.00am Colin Berry with Night Ride 3.00-4.00 A Little Night Music

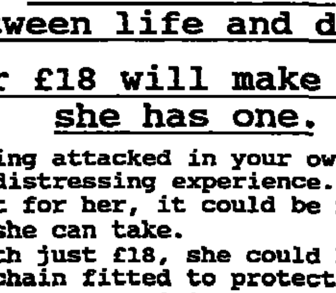
RADIO 5

6.00am World Service 7.30 Sunday Edition, incl 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News; Sport 9.00 News; Sport 9.04 This Family Business, incl 10.00 News, Sport 10.30 Education Matters (r) 11.00 News; Sport *11.02 Learn to Earn (r)* 11.30 Invitation to Dinner (r) 12.00 News; Sport 12.03pm Open University: Open Forum 12.22 ABCA — An *Experiment in Wartime Education* 1.00 News; Sport 1.03 Maths: Formula Iteration 1.22 Social Sciences: Markets in Eastern Europe 1.41 Love and Wit in Twelfth Night 2.00 Sunday Sport with Jonathan Legard. *Motor Racing*: San Marino Grand Prix — round three of the Formula One World Championship; Cricket: Refuge League; fifth Test, West Indies v Australia; Golf: Volvo tour — final round of the Madrid Open 7.20 Open University: Luther and Music 7.40 Modern Art: Flatness and Roundness 8.00 Mathematics Miscellany 8.20 The Remaking of Europe 8.40 An Enlightened Historian: Edward Gibbon 9.00 Soundprint (r) 9.30 Dragnet 10.00 News; Sport 10.10 Across the Line, incl 11.00 Sport 12.00-12.07am News; Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. 5.30am Short Story: Trifling with the Juggernaut 5.45 News Headlines in English and French 5.47 British Press Review 5.52 World Business Review 5.57 Travel and Weather News 6.00 News 6.30 Londres Matin 7.00 Newsdesk 7.30 Jazz for the Asking 8.00 News 8.09 24 Hours 8.30 From Our Own Correspondent 8.50 Write On... 9.00 News 9.09 Words of Faith 9.15 Music for a While 10.00 News 10.05 World Business Review 10.15 Short Story 10.30 A Taste of Soul 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.01 Science in Action 11.30 Londres Midi 11.45 Mittagsmagazin 12.00 *Newsdesk* 12.30pm The Ken Bruce Show 1.01 Play of the Week: *Sarcophagus 2.00* Newshour 3.01 What is Democracy? 3.30 Anything Goes 4.00 News 4.15 BBC English 4.30 News and Features in German 5.00 News 5.15 BBC English 5.30 Londres Soir 5.14 Club 648 5.30 News and Features in German 6.00 News 6.05 World Business Review 6.15 Londres Dernière 6.30 In Praise of God 9.00 News 9.09 Folk in Britain 9.30 Brain of Britain 10.00 Newshour 11.00 News 11.05 Music for a While 11.50 Sports Roundup 12.00 News 12.05am World Business Review 12.15 Letter from America 12.30 What is Democracy?. 1.00 Newsdesk 1.30 In Praise of God 2.01 Talking Heads: A Chip in the Sugar 2.45 The Havana International Guitar Festival 3.00 Newsdesk 3.30 Composer of the Month: Elgar 4.00 News 4.09 News About Britain 4.15 Anything Goes 4.45 News and Press Review in German

COMPILED BY PETER DEAR AND GILLIAN MAXEY
TV CHOICE CHRIS PETIT/RADIO CHOICE PETER DAVALLE



URGENT APPEAL

For her, a door chain could be the difference between life and death

Your £18 will make sure she has one.

Being attacked in your own home is a distressing experience.

But for her, it could be more than she can take.

With just £18, she could have a door chain fitted to protect her from unwelcome visitors. But £18 is simply more than she can afford.

She is just one of thousands of elderly people at risk in Britain who desperately need your help.

Please return the coupon with your donation now. It could well save her life.

Help the Aged, St. James's Walk, London EC1R 0BE.

I want to help give security to an elderly person living alone

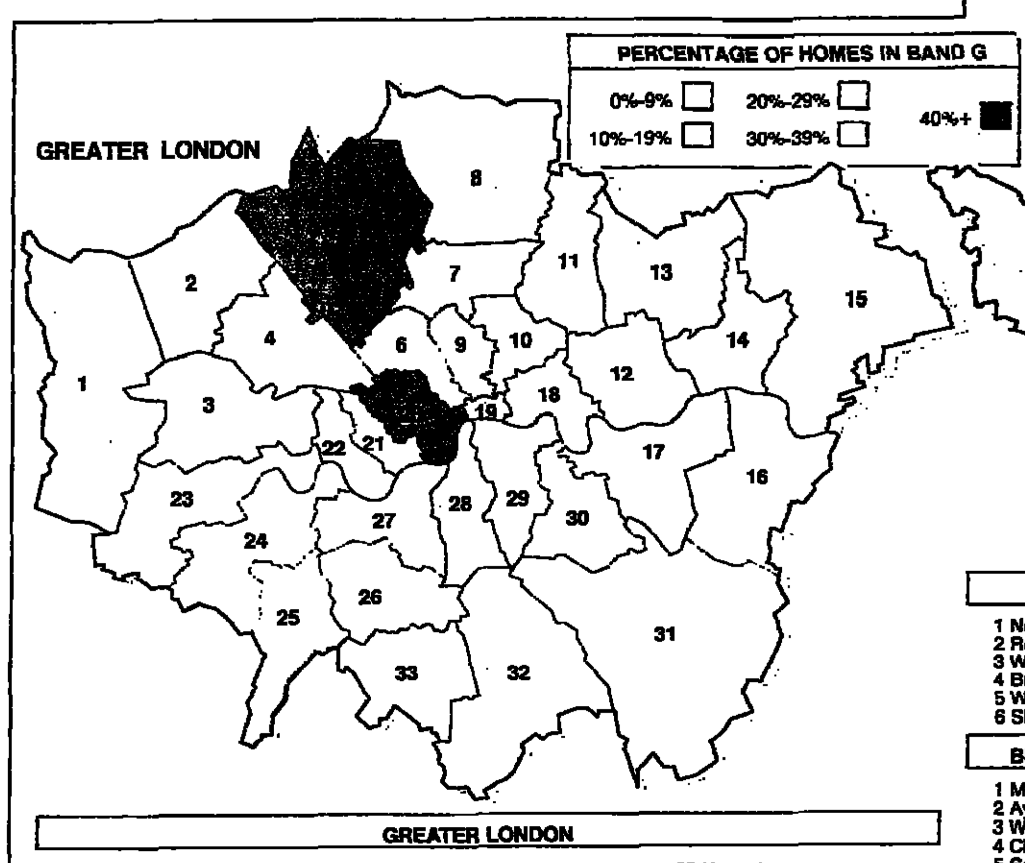
I enclose my cheque/postal order for:
☐ £54 ☐ £36 ☐ £18
Other £ ____
to: Help the Aged, FREEPOST, London EC1B 1BD.
Or charge my Access/Visa card number: ☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐ Expiry date: ☐/☐
Signature:
Name (Mrs,Miss,Mr,Other):
Address:
Postcode:

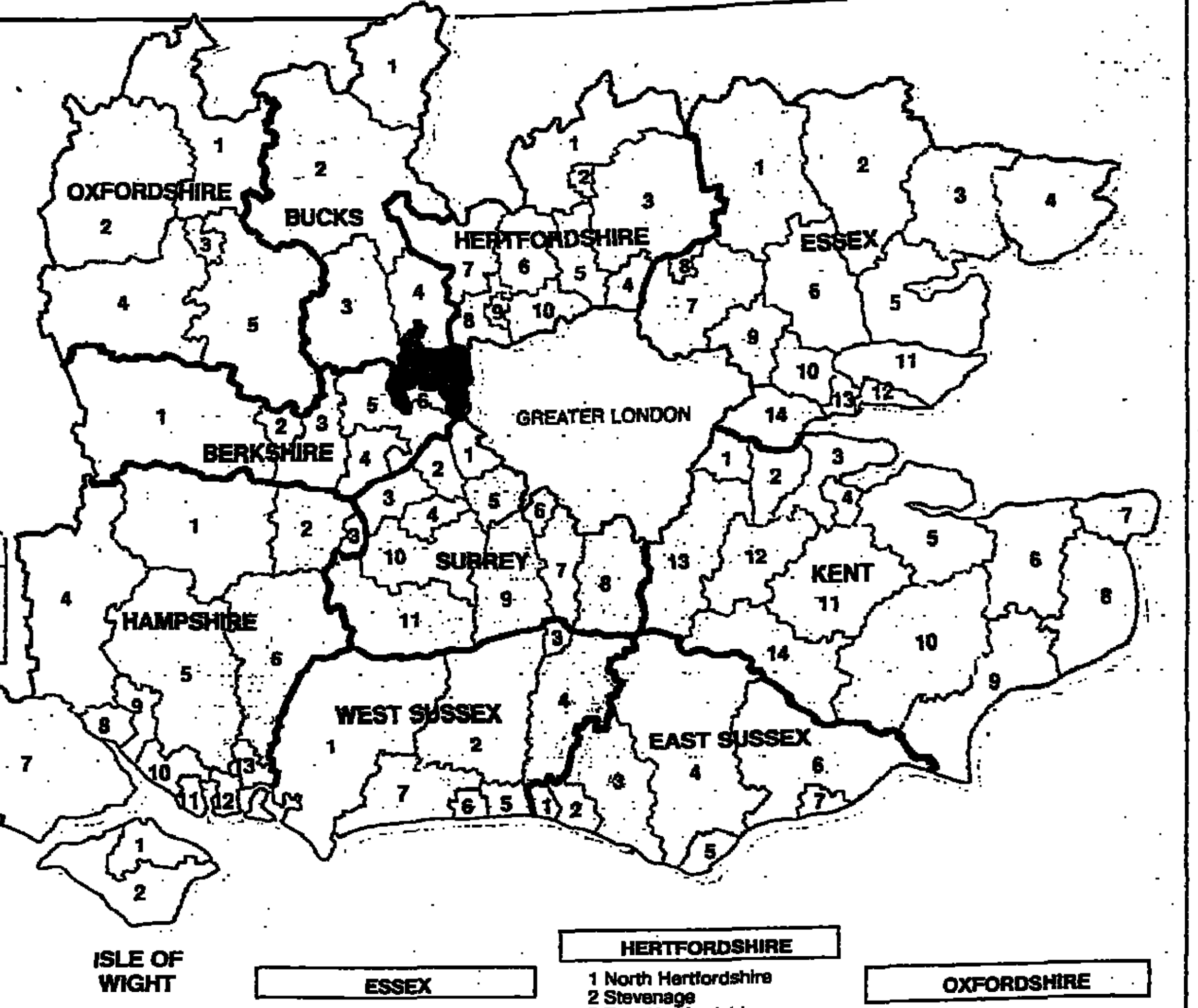
C90160

Help the Aged
THE TIME TO CARE IS NOW
Reg. charity no. 272786

Westward drift of wealth

THIS week's council tax figures offer a glimpse of wealth distribution in south-east England as measured by the proportion of houses in each council district in the controversial band G, valued at over £160,000. The map shows the familiar working of the "westward drift" both in London and in the south east as a whole. Higher valuations run along the main commuter lines, notably towards Winchester, and the Chilterns and also to Sevenoaks and Brighton. The survival of public housing in central London means that the highest band G percentages are in the commuterland of Barnet (46) and south Buckinghamshire (41). In central London only Westminster reaches 40. Tory Wandsworth has only 14 but, ironically, the Labour boroughs of Camden and Islington have 30 each. Kent and Essex are relatively poor, though only Rochester in the whole region registers a "negligible" proportion in the top band. Poorest boroughs in London on just 1 per cent are Tower Hamlets, Barking, Newham and Waltham Forest. Outside the south-east only Stratford in Warwickshire has more than 30 per cent of its properties in the G-band. Cleveland has none at all and many areas would be coloured entirely in yellow because their G-band properties number less than 10 per cent: Derbyshire, Durham, Hereford and Worcester, Humberside, Lancashire, Norfolk, Northumberland, Nottinghamshire, Shropshire, South Yorkshire, Staffordshire, Tyne and Wear, West Yorkshire, Greater Manchester and Merseyside. Wales and Scotland have been banded with different valuations which are not comparable.





GREATER LONDON

1 Hillingdon
2 Harrow
3 Ealing
4 Brent
5 Barnet
6 Camden
7 Haringey
8 Enfield
9 Islington
10 Hackney
11 Waltham Forest
12 Newham
13 Redbridge
14 Barking
15 Havering
16 Bexley
17 Greenwich
18 Tower Hamlets
19 City
20 City of Westminster
21 Kensington & Chelsea
22 Hammersmith & Fulham
23 Hounslow
24 Richmond upon Thames
25 Kingston upon Thames
26 Merton
27 Wandsworth
28 Lambeth
29 Southwark
30 Lewisham
31 Bromley
32 Croydon
33 Sutton

BERKSHIRE

1 Newbury
2 Reading
3 Wokingham
4 Bracknell
5 Windsor & Maidenhead
6 Slough

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

1 Milton Keynes
2 Aylesbury Vale
3 Wycombe
4 Chiltern
5 South Buckinghamshire

EAST SUSSEX

1 Hove
2 Brighton
3 Lewes
4 Wealden
5 Eastbourne
6 Rother
7 Hastings

ESSEX

1 Uttlesford
2 Braintree
3 Colchester
4 Tendring
5 Maldon
6 Chelmsford
7 Epping Forest
8 Harlow
9 Brentwood
10 Basildon
11 Rochford
12 Southend-on-Sea
13 Castle Point
14 Thurrock

HAMPSHIRE

1 Basingstoke & Deane
2 Hart
3 Rushmoor
4 Test Valley
5 Winchester
6 East Hampshire
7 New Forest
8 Southampton
9 Eastleigh
10 Fareham
11 Gosport
12 Portsmouth
13 Havant

HERTFORDSHIRE

1 North Hertfordshire
2 Stevenage
3 East Hertfordshire
4 Broxbourne
5 Welwyn Hatfield
6 St Albans
7 Dacorum
8 Three Rivers
9 Watford
10 Hertsmere

ISLE OF WIGHT

1 Medina
2 South Wight

KENT

1 Dartford
2 Gravesham
3 Rochester upon Medway
4 Gillingham
5 Swale
6 Canterbury
7 Thanet
8 Dover
9 Shepway
10 Ashford
11 Maidstone
12 Tonbridge & Malling
13 Sevenoaks
14 Tunbridge Wells

OXFORDSHIRE

1 Cherwell
2 West Oxfordshire
3 Oxford
4 Vale of White Horse
5 South Oxfordshire

SURREY

1 Spelthorne
2 Runnymede
3 Surrey Heath
4 Woking
5 Elmbridge
6 Epsom & Ewell
7 Reigate & Banstead
8 Tandridge
9 Mole Valley
10 Guildford
11 Waverley

WEST SUSSEX

1 Chichester
2 Horsham
3 Crawley
4 Mid Sussex
5 Adur
6 Worthing
7 Arun

Council tax may have nine bands

Continued from page 1

to pay the same as a millionaire in a mansion.

Earlier yesterday both Downing Street and the environment department had denied that the document existed, suggesting that Labour had been given a circular that was six weeks old. When Mr Blunkett published it, civil servants attempted to play down its significance.

Enquiries revealed, however, that the circular was sent out to the 104 district valuers in England and the nine in Wales on Wednesday, the day after Mr Heseltine had published detailed figures based on a seven-band tax system.

The circular had its genesis in a meeting between senior environment department officials and staff from the Inland Revenue and the Office of Population Censuses and Surveys (OPCS) two weeks ago. At that stage the cabinet was actively considering a nine-band tax and the two outside agencies were asked by the environment department to do more work on valuing properties for a council tax with nine bands.

The decision to use seven bands was taken at last Thursday's cabinet meeting but Mr Heseltine decided to allow the work to go ahead to avoid any delay. Officials said yesterday that the information gathered would still be of value even if seven bands were retained; and if nine were used it would help provide the basis for an amended system.

The initial valuation work, it is now clear, on which the detailed tables published last Tuesday was based had been done without examining individual properties and at great speed. District valuers used what are known as "particulars delivered" forms which solicitors are obliged to send to them on completion of sales. The forms give the selling price and address of the property.

Ministers had not intended to publish detailed figures for their new tax but switched plans after Labour announced its figures for its "fair rates" to replace the poll tax.

The second phase of the valuation exercise, described in the leaked circular, will involve the OPCS sending the addresses of 200 properties, picked at random from its files, to each district valuer. He will then be required to value them using office records. The circular says that people living at the addresses should not be told of the exercise and it discourages valuers from visiting the properties.

The circular calls for strict secrecy in the operation of the task even to the extent of ordering valuers not to keep records for their own files. The work must be completed by May 10, it says. The Inland Revenue yesterday refused to explain the need for such a high level of security.

Waldegrave to brief Major on hospital cuts

Continued from page 1

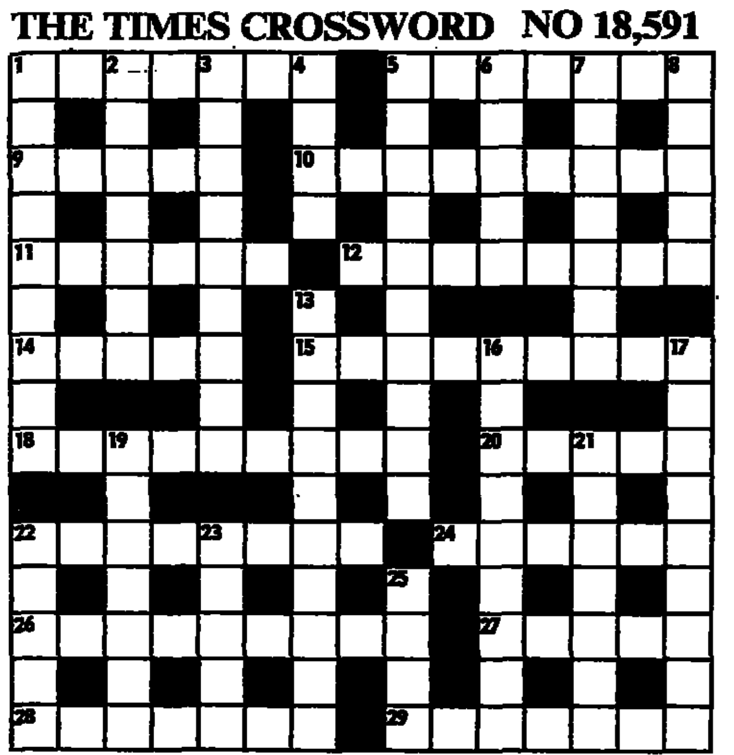
health service, will also overshadow today's Chequers summit on the nation's health chaired by the prime minister.

William Waldegrave, the health secretary, is expected to brief John Major personally on the reasons for the cuts. Mr Waldegrave yesterday defended Guy's £6 million economy package, which threatens 600 jobs, including medical posts at the south London teaching hospital and the near by Lewisham hospital. Some compulsory redundancies among the 8,000 staff seem inevitable. Up to 300 jobs will have to go as part of a £7 million economy package at the Bradford trust, which includes Bradford Royal Infirmary and St Luke's.

The health secretary argued that such decisions were a matter for local management not politicians. "Guy's have taken the view that there are developments they need but they have inherited a system which, according to the managers, is not working very well and is running them up grave debts."

Harriet Harman, a Labour health spokesman, said that ministers were trying to wash their hands of the havoc wreaked by their changes.

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 18,591



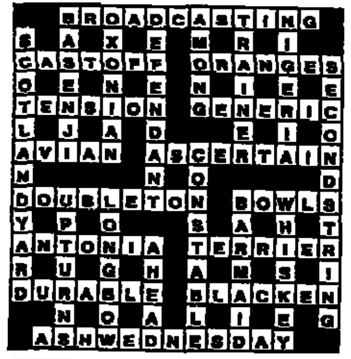
ACROSS

1 The cabin for the main (7).
5 After cutting deal this pile, perhaps (7).
9 A round to include some mild or bitter (5).
10 Yob, say, approves of Archbishop (4,5).
11 Trouble afoot for Bedford prisoner, we hear (6).
12 Sort of decoration for ministry abroad (8).
14 Of eight heads of chancery, three are linguists (5).
15 Tricky , this crossword book (4,5).
18 Becoming weak, trail seen to wriggle ahead (9).
20 Fat, soft mass (5).
22 Win nobleman's daughter? You'll have to pay her (8).
24 Bars noisy cook (6).
26 Soldiers will copy sinner (9).
27 Extra name can give more latitude (5).
28 Open after, not closed before (7).
29 Heroine miscast in drama (7).

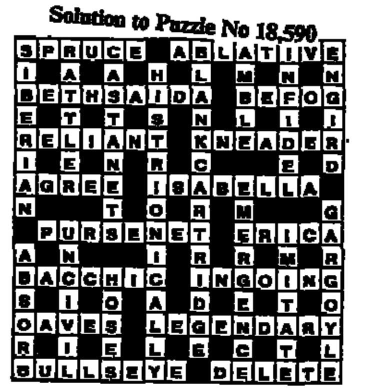
DOWN

1 Do they help restaurateur cheat the tax-man? (9).
2 PM's choice of pudding? (7).
3 Achilles' mate puts Carol in a spin (9).
4 Raise an objection: that sounds low (4).
5 Doesn't care to be involved with less than the best (6-4).
6 Lived on the edges of the desert (5).
7 Element I hear you can represent (7).
8 Animal starting to grunt in row (5).
13 In the study, barristers are the worse for wear (10).
16 Aristocratic young orphan turns into a drunkard (3,6).
17 Miss neighbour wearing brown for long periods (9).
19 Skittle of new make in pine (7).
21 After mid-June, left port without cargo (7).
22 Peers at the ground (5).
23 Release from fast (5).
25 Medal, including a bar (4).

Solution to Puzzle No 18,585



Solution to Puzzle No 18,590



A prize of a superb Parker Duofold International Fountain Pen, with an 18 carat gold nib and fully guaranteed for the lifetime of the original owner will be given for the first five correct solutions opened next Thursday. Entries should be addressed to: The Times, Saturday Crossword Competition, PO Box 486, Virginia Street, London E1 9DD. The winners and solution will be published next Saturday.

Name/Address...

By Philip Howard

DUTCHMAN
a. A convinced drunkard
b. Diagonal brick bond
c. A construction patch

FROE
a. A shingle knife
b. Frozen slush
c. To card wool

AMPHISCIANS
a. Shadows to north or south
b. Travelling players
c. Surrounding woodlands

MUDDER
a. A horse good in mud
b. A Tyneside mother
c. A dredger

Answers on page 11, column 10

TIMES WEATHERCALL

For the latest region by region forecast, 24 hours a day, dial 0898 500 followed by the appropriate code.

Greater London	701
Kent,Surrey,Sussex	702
Dorset,Hants & IOW	703
Devon & Cornwall	704
Wilts,Gloucs,Avon,Soms	705
Berks,Bucks,Oxon	706
Beds,Herts & Essex	707
Norfolk,Suffolk,Cambs	708
West Mid & Sth Glam & Gwent	709
Shrops,Herefds & Worcs	710
Central Midlands	711
East Midlands	712
Lincs & Humberside	713
Dyfed & Powys	714
Gwynedd & Clwyd	715
N W England	716
W & S Yorks & Dales	717
N E England	718
Cumbria & Lake District	719
S W Scotland	720
W Central Scotland	721
Edin S Fife/Lothian & Borders	722
E Central Scotland	723
Grampian & E Highlands	724
N W Scotland	725
Caithness,Orkney & Shetland	726
N Ireland	727

Weathercall is charged at 34p per minute (cheap rate) and 45p per minute at all other times.

AA ROADWATCH

For the latest AA traffic and roadworks information, 24 hours a day, dial 0836 401 followed by the appropriate code.

London & SE

C. London (within N & S Circs.)	731
M-ways/roads M4-M1	732
M-ways/roads M1-Dartford T	733
M-ways/roads Dartford T-M23	734
M-ways/roads M23-M4	735
M25 London Orbital only	736

National

National motorways	737
West Country	738
Wales	739
Midlands	740
East Anglia	741
North-west England	742
North-east England	743
Scotland	744
Northern Ireland	745

AA Roadwatch is charged at 34p per minute (cheap rate) and 45p per minute at all other times.

The winners of last Saturday's competition are: R J Symes, Sunway Close, Tavistock, Devon; D Amor-Wilkins, Antrim Mansions, Antrim Road, Hamstead, London; W Petchey, Alexandra Terrace, Brynmill, Swansea, South Wales; V P Geoghegan, Somerstown, Chichester, West Sussex; J F Kitchen, Wyeherley Close, Blackheath, London.

Concise crossword page 11

WEATHER Western Scotland and Northern Ireland will start dry and fairly sunny although there will be showers later. The rest of Scotland, northern and central England and north Wales will have a dry day and, although misty at first, should turn out dry and sunny. Southern England and south Wales will also start misty and foggy, and although the sun will break through here, too, showers are likely later. Outlook: mainly dry.

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	13	55	f	Luxembg	13	55	f
Akrotiri	19	66	s	Luxor	42	108	s
Alex'dria	23	73	c	Madrid	12	54	f
Algiers	13	55	c	Majorca	15	59	f
Amst'dm	13	55	s	Malaga	17	63	s
Athens	19	66	s	Melb'rne	16	61	c
Bahrain	33	91	s	Moscow	9	48	f
Barcelna	13	55	f	Munich	13	55	f
Belgrade	15	59	f	Nairobi	26	79	f
Berlin	7	45	c	N Delhi	35	95	s
Biarritz	8	46	r	Nice	15	59	f
Borde'x	11	52	c	Oslo	10	50	f
Brussels	13	55	s	Paris	15	59	s
Budapst	12	54	c	Peking	20	68	s
Cairo	22	72	r	Perth	19	66	c
Cape Tn	22	72	s	Prague	10	50	c
C'blanca	16	61	c	Reykjavik	3	37	sl
Ch'church	14	57	f	Rhodes	19	66	s
Cologne	14	57	f	Rio de J	26	79	f
C'phagn	7	45	f	Riyadh	37	99	s
Corfu	16	61	s	Salzburg	15	59	s
Dublin	11	52	s	Seoul	18	64	s
Dubrovnik	15	59	s	Sing'por	29	84	f
Faro	15	59	c	St'kholm	6	43	c
Frankfurt	13	55	f	Strasb'rg	16	61	s
Funchal	17	63	c	Sydney	19	66	f
Geneva	11	52	c	Tangier	15	59	c
Gibraltar	17	63	s	Tel Aviv	21	70	f
Helsinki	12	54	s	Tenerife	19	66	c
Hong K	28	82	s	Tokyo	22	72	c
Innsbrck	13	55	s	Tunis	18	64	f
Istanbul	14	57	f	Valencia	17	63	f
Jeddah	35	95	s	Vienna	12	54	s
L Palmas	18	64	f	Warsaw	11	52	f
Le Tquet	14	57	f	Wel'nton	16	61	f
Lisbon	13	55	c	Zurich	14	57	s
Locarno	14	57	c				

* denotes figures are latest available

Thursday: Highest day temp: Edinburgh, and Kinloss, Grampian, 16C (61F); lowest day max: Aberporth, Dyfed, 07C (45F); highest rainfall: Cardiff, 0.72 in; highest sunshine: Lowestoft, Suffolk, 12.2 hr.

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 15C (59F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 03C (37F). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 11.4 hr.

TODAY
London 8.16 pm to 5.39 am
Bristol 8.26 pm to 5.49 am
Edinburgh 8.43 pm to 5.37 am
Manchester 8.31 pm to 5.42 am
Penzance 8.34 pm to 6.05 am

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	6.2	.01	11	52	sunny
Aviemore	7.6	-	14	57	bright
Belfast	3.6	.17	11	52	bright
Birmingham	3.4	.02	13	55	shower
Blackpool	4.7	-	15	59	sunny
Colwyn Bay	2.1	-	13	55	bright
Cromer	11.5	-	11	52	sunny
Eskdalemuir	6.8	-	13	55	bright
Hastings	2.2	-	11	52	cloudy
Penzance	8.4	.20	11	52	sunny
Sandown	-	-	9	48	dull
Scilly Isles	10.1	.07	11	52	sunny
Shanklin	-	-	10	50	cloudy
Southend	11.2	-	11	52	sunny

Thursday's figures are latest available

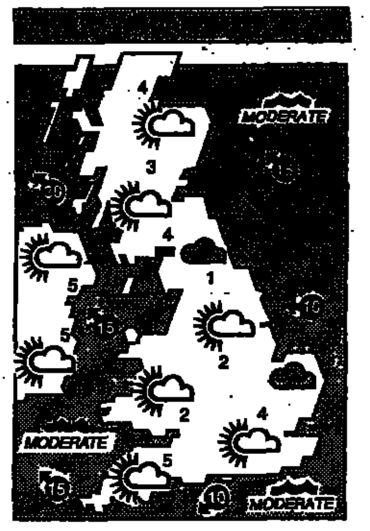
TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	1.32	6.8	2.02	7.1
Aberdeen	1.08	3.8	1.17	4.0
Avonmouth	7.04	12.5	7.29	12.6
Belfast	10.58	3.4	11.28	3.2
Cardiff	6.49	11.6	7.14	11.7
Devonport	5.38	5.3	6.03	5.3
Dover	11.02	6.1	11.16	6.4
Falmouth	5.08	5.1	5.33	5.1
Glasgow	12.36	4.3	12.33	4.6
Harwich	11.51	3.8		-
Holyhead	10.11	5.3	10.32	5.2
Hull	6.15	6.9	6.19	7.2
Ilfracombe	5.46	8.6	6.09	8.7

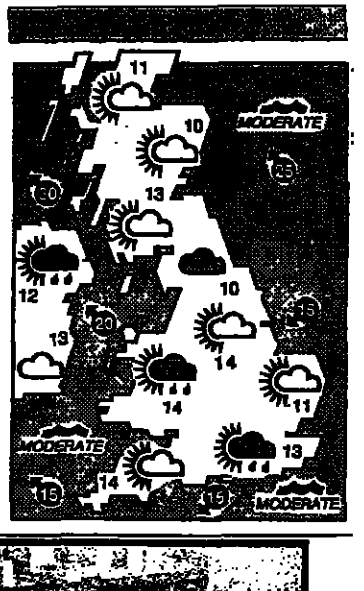
Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.

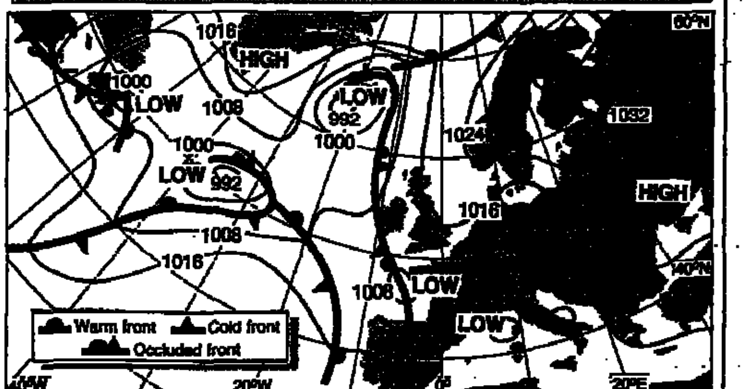
	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.28	2.13
Austria Sch	21.65	20.25
Belgium Fr	63.70	59.70
Canada $	2.06	1.96
Denmark Kr	11.80	11.10
Finland Mkk	7.27	6.82
France Fr	10.38	9.78
Germany Dm	3.09	2.89
Greece Dr	331	311
Hong Kong $	13.75	12.75
Ireland Pt	1.56	1.086
Italy Lira	2285	2145
Japan Yen	248.50	231.50
Netherlands Gld	3.47	3.26
Norway Kr	11.99	11.29
Portugal Esc	265.50	247.50
South Africa Rd	5.55	4.95
Spain Pta	189.50	178.50
Sweden Kr	11.03	10.35
Switzerland Fr	2.595	2.425
Turkey Lira	7150	6350
USA $	2.595	2.425
Yugoslavia Dnr	47	31

Rates for small denomination bank only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques.

Information supplied by Met Office

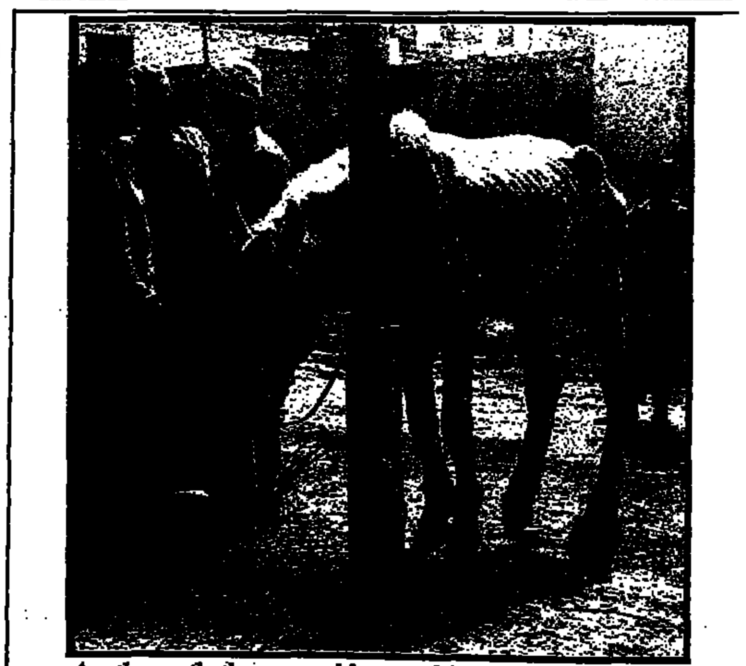






TODAY	Sun rises:	Sun sets:	TOMORROW	Sun rises:	Sun sets:
	5.41 am	8.16 pm		5.39 am	8.18 pm
	Moon sets: 4.37 am	Moon rises: 7.15 pm		Moon sets: 4.58 am	Moon rises: 8.29 pm
Full moon tomorrow			Full moon 9.58 pm		

©TIMES NEWSPAPERS LIMITED, 1991. Published and printed by Times Newspapers Ltd at 1 Virginia Street, London E1 9XN, telephone 071-782 5000 and at Knowsley Park Industrial Estate, Kiling Road, Prescot, Merseyside, L34 9HY, telephone 051-549 1905. Saturday, April 27, 1991. Registered as a newspaper at the Post Office.



Another pathetic case waiting outside the Brooke Hospital

How you can help the Brooke Hospital for Animals

This tragic sight is not uncommon in the Middle East today. Each week the Brooke Hospital for Animals gives free treatment to hundreds of suffering animals, and saves many more from years of crippling work.

If you would either like to receive more information or to support our work, simply fill in the coupon below and send it to:

Richard Searight, Brooke Hospital for Animals, Dpt T1 1 Regent St, London SW1. Or call us on 071-930 0210.

I would like to know more about the Brooke Hospital for Animals (Charity No 207869)
NAME:Mr/Mrs/Miss
ADDRESS
POSTCODE T1
They depend on us - we depend on you

مكتبة الاهرام

هكذا عن الأصل

THE TIMES
BUSINESS
SATURDAY APRIL 27 1991

Business Editor
John Bell

- BUSINESS AND FINANCE 21-26,30
- WEEKEND MONEY 27-29
- SPORT 31-36

WEEKEND MONEY

News Corp close to $650m deal

THE News Corporation is reported to be selling nine American magazines for about $650 million.

It is understood documents are being drawn up for the sale to K-III Holdings, an American partnership controlled by Kohlberg Kravis Roberts, the management buyout specialist. KKR and News Corp would not confirm the deal.

According to *The New York Times* and *The Wall Street Journal*, the sale includes *Soap Opera Digest*, *Soap Opera Weekly*, *New York*, *Seventeen*, *Premiere*, *European Travel & Life*, *Automobile* and *New Woman*.

News Corp, whose British publications include *The Times*, will retain the women's fashion magazine *Mirabella* and the *TV Guide*, for which it paid $2.2 billion.

Bluff disguise

Sir Michael Angus, chairman of Unilever, disguises his analytical approach to business behind a bluff, man of the people exterior. People often end up liking him, even though he has a reputation for being domineering. He talks to Gillian Bowditch............ Page 23

Court backing

The government is backing a move by pension fund trustees to obtain a clear ruling on a controversial European Court of Justice judgment that occupational schemes should not discriminate between men and women.............. Page 22

Bank moans

There has been a surge in the number of complaints received by high street banks, mostly about charges, mistakes on statements and unsolicited mailshots............ Page 27

Student debt

Banks are starting to clamp down on student overdrafts after government criticism that they were too free with their marketing of credit. Many students begin their working lives deeply in debt.................... Page 27

Health costs

Subscriptions to private medical insurance schemes could go up by 20 per cent as a result of higher medical inflation and a growing number of claims, medical insurers have warned....... Page 28

Property loss

Two investors have complained to the DTI about the performance of the Target Property Fund, now owned by Equity & Law. The fund made a loss on 13 out of 81 properties sold in the Eighties............. Page 29

Trust warning

Investors buying unit trusts with holdings in property, warrants, or futures and options will have to be warned of the risks by salesmen, the Life Assurance and Unit Trust Regulatory Organisation said this week..... Page 29

* * * * * *

DTI wants fraudulent insurance firm wound up

By Tony Hetherington

THE trade and industry department (DTI) is to petition the High Court for an order to wind up Performance Car Warranty, a fraudulent mechanical breakdown insurance business that was exposed in Weekend Money last October.

The case, which will be heard next Wednesday, follows a confidential investigation by the DTI under Section 447 of the Companies Act.

Performance Car Warranty sold policies to owners of expensive cars, such as Porsches. If the cars broke down during the policy term the insurers would meet the repair bills.

The investigation established, however, that the policies, which cost about £300 each, were not underwritten by any legitimate insurance company. Performance Car Warranty had pocketed the premiums and, in at least some cases, had issued false policy documents in the name of the respectable National Insurance Guarantee Corporation.

The DTI said that Performance Car Warranty had no authority to issue insurance policies. All British insurers must be vetted and approved by the trade department and submit to checks to ensure that they remain solvent. Performance Car Warranty, officials say, is insolvent.

The petition to wind up the company in the public interest leaves open the question of the true identity of the man behind it. Records at Companies House name the sole director of the business as Frank Reid.

Weekend Money, however, identified the man as Frank Reed, a slightly different name under which he was made bankrupt in 1986.

Reed was then a director of another car breakdown insurance company, Fleet Motor Warranties. He resigned from the board after being declared bankrupt. He emerged, however, in 1987, as a director of another company, Auto Marketing Consultants, now spelling his name Reid. Auto Marketing Consultants merged with Fleet Motor Warranties, with the result that Reed — now calling himself Reid — was back on the board of his old business under a false name.

Further evidence that the two men are the same is the fact that they share the same live-in girlfriend, Caroline Elliott. Miss Elliott was a director of Fleet Motor Warranties and lived with Reed in a flat in Wembley. This address is the one given by Reed when he was made bankrupt.

The electoral register for Maidenhead, Berkshire, shows that Elliott now lives there in a modern £250,000 house. The only other occupant of the house is the renamed Frank Reid.

It is an offence to act as a company director while still an undischarged bankrupt, as is using a false name on documents submitted to Companies House. The trade department would not say this week whether proceedings would be brought.

A spokesman said: "The usual enquiries will be made by the official receiver, who has a duty to report on all liquidations to the secretary of state on whether there has been misconduct which might warrant further steps."

Fraud office probes loss in NHL offshoot

By Neil Bennett, banking correspondent

THE Serious Fraud Office is investigating a £3.5 million fraud suffered by National Home Loans, the mortgage lender.

The fraud was written off as an extraordinary item in the group's figures for the six months to end-March. At the same time, NHL saw a tenfold increase in bad debts on mortgages to £11.5 million, repossessing some 1,000 homes.

NHL suffered the fraud in a joint venture it established with Castlegate, a financial services group. Castlegate went into creditors' voluntary liquidation last December.

The fraud office raided Castlegate's offices and removed records which it is working through with a team of senior London accountants. Castlegate's liquidators have been told the investigation will continue at least until October.

Last year, NHL used Nightingale Finance, a subsidiary, to establish a consumer lending joint venture with Castlegate. Nightingale provided Castlegate, which was not regulated by the Financial Services Act, with money to lend on second mortgages.

Radford & Sons, the Southampton accountant appointed as liquidator to Castlegate, said it had not been given access to the company's records by the fraud office. Sandy Williams, one of the accountants working on the liquidation, said she believed Castlegate had a surplus over liabilities. National Westminster Bank is also one of Castlegate's creditors.

Meanwhile, NHL has confirmed that it takes legal action against lenders who fall more than three months into arrears. "Building societies tend to be more charitable than they ought," Ken Lewis, the housing finance director, said. "Repossession is a decision for the courts."

Mr Lewis said the group had a conservative policy on provisions. "We take a pessimistic view when looking at an account," he said. "So the provision is a worse case estimate."

Kevin Milner, the chief executive, said the company had taken an "aggressive stance" on arrears last year, but had softened its approach now since interest rates had started to fall.

Darby: no first-timers

John Darby, NHL chairman, denied the company had a poorer quality loan book than other mortgage companies. "I would say we have a better class of borrower, since we do not lend to first-time buyers," he said.

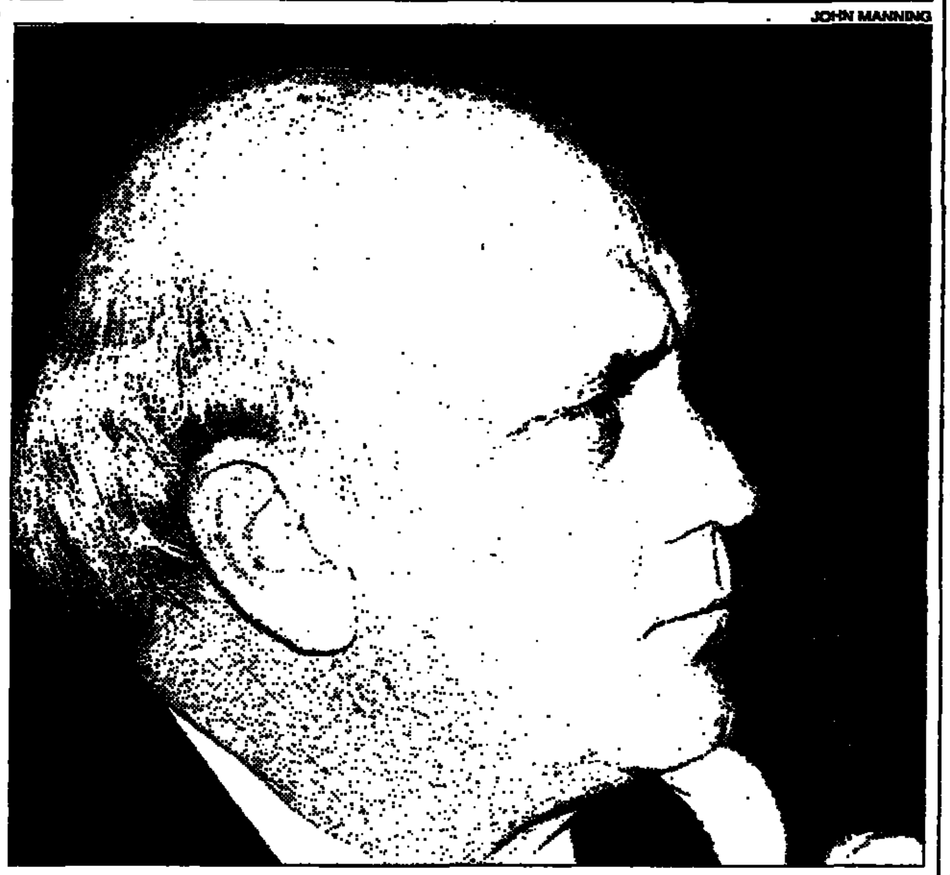
NHL's provisions against its £3.2 billion home loan book rose more than ten times to £11.5 million in the half year, even though the company took out insurance policies with Sun Alliance on loans of more than 75 per cent of a property's value.

The company is increasing its profit margin in the second half of the year by keeping its loan rate high. NHL's main mortgage rate is still 14.95 per cent, compared to 13.75 per cent at most building societies. It plans to reduce the rate next week, but will still be 1 percentage point higher than the societies.

NHL was also hit by bad debts in its leasing business, since it financed office equipment to International Leisure Group, the collapsed tour operator.

In all the group suffered a bad debt provision of £16.3 million, up from £800,000 last year. This cut pre-tax profits by 35 per cent to £10.1 million. The interim dividend is held at 3.75p

JOHN MANNING



Chin up: an optimistic President de Klerk said yesterday that South Africa was undergoing fundamental changes and was ready to restore trading links with the rest of the world. He told the CBI: "We want you to profit by what is happening."

A hard line on defaulters

By Jon Ashworth

BRITISH borrowers are losing their homes at a faster rate than ever before and National Home Loans is one of the keenest repossessors, it was claimed this week.

The National Association of Citizens Advice Bureaux (Nacab), with 709 main branches throughout Britain, said NHL was quick to respond when its borrowers fell behind with their repayments.

The so-called centralised lenders, of which NHL was the first, are often criticised for their anonymity — lacking branches where customers can discuss their problems face-to-face. "Too much was lent at too high a rate," Jean Eagleshan of the Consumers' Association, said. "Now, centralised lenders are going in very very fast after the initial default, even when a borrower has missed just one payment."

Ian Darby of John Charcol, an independent mortgage broker, says the high level of repossessions presents a serious problem. "While we are all grateful for four or five base rate cuts, a lot of the damage has already been done. Peripheral debts start building up on credit cards and borrowers are just left with a bigger debt."

Simon Tyler, sales director at Chase de Vere Homeloans, said NHL built its reputation on non-status loans. "At first, all the centralised lenders wanted was a credit check and valuation. Later on, they became even more liberal, and didn't even want to hear from a previous lender whether the client had paid their mortgage or not. NHL was the start of a style and has been very successful in terms of market share. Now, they are all being hit hard."

Jobs to go at Marks, ICI and STC

By Our Industrial Staff

THREE more big names in British industry have given warning of job losses.

STC, acquired by Northern Telecom of Canada last year, is closing a plant in South Wales and shedding almost 650 jobs, there and at three factories in Northern Ireland, Essex and North London.

Marks and Spencer, Britain's best known high street stores chain, is likely to announce the loss of about 500 jobs next week.

More job losses are also expected at ICI, Sir Denys Henderson, the chairman, told shareholders at the annual meeting yesterday. He spoke of plant closures, divestments and withdrawal from some businesses, which would "inevitably lead to job losses".

The STC factory at Treforest, near Cardiff, is to be closed with the loss of 370 jobs, as a result of the reorganisation of STC's telecommunications operations.

Manufacture will be concentrated at Cwmcarn in neighbouring Ebbw Vale, which STC acquired from British Telecom last year, and at Monkstown, near Belfast, where about 1,300 people are employed and which is the site of a research centre opened last year.

Despite the increased focus on Monkstown, 105 administrative and support jobs and 100 production jobs are to be cut. In February, 375 temporary posts were lost.

The retrenchment, announced yesterday, also involves nearly 70 redundancies between Northern Telecom's sites at New Southgate in North London and Basildon in Essex.

The M&S redundancies, about 12 per cent of the 4,400 staff at the head office in Baker Street, London, are part of a structural review.

Head office staff have been told over the past few days that redundancy packages will be generous, particularly for those aged 40 and over.

On Thursday, ICI reported pre-tax profits in the first quarter of the year more than halved to £198 million.

Sir Denys said it was clear that ICI was still in the grip of recession in many markets, although he did not think the situation had worsened since the end of last year.

Clayform axes final dividend

By Matthew Bond

SHARES in Clayform, the property company, were unchanged at 53p despite the company reporting losses of £54 million for last year and passing the final dividend. With no final, the total distribution stays at 2p (10p).

The greatest damage stemmed from Clayform's development portfolio.

The fall in value of four developments in particular required a provision of £32 million, taken as an exceptional item. But the value of Clayform's investment portfolio has also been falling, including the shops Clayform acquired when it took over Stead & Simpson, the shoe retailer, for £125 million.

The fall in value was taken as a £16 million extraordinary item, of which £11 million was attributable to the Stead properties. Net assets were halved to £75.8 million, prompting a fall in net assets per share from 410p to 201p.

Bryan Burletson, chairman, was still pleased with the acquisition, which he believes is surviving the recession better than many other forms of property.

Clayform's interest charges doubled to £16.8 million after the acquisition. Largely as a result, a pre-tax and pre-exceptional profit of £18 million for 1989 turned into a £7.6 million loss. The company finished the year with net borrowings of £106 million, but this has fallen to £85 million. The company has gearing of 127 per cent.

McAlpine seeks to raise £39m

By Our City Staff

THE relationship between Alfred McAlpine, the British contractor, and Lyonnaise des Eaux-Dumez, the French conglomerate, will become closer after a £39 million rights issue.

Lyonnaise des Eaux-Dumez will acquire 3.2 million shares in nil paid form from the McAlpine family trust, as well as taking up its existing entitlement. As a result the McAlpine family's stake will drop to 19.6 per cent, while the French company will hold the 12 per cent maximum agreed when it bought into McAlpine 16 months ago.

The new shares will be issued at 225p on the basis of one new share for every two already held. McAlpine's shares fell 28p to 258p after the rights issue was announced.

Graeme Odgers, McAlpine's chief executive, said the rights issue aimed to reduce the company's gearing from 61 per cent. "Borrowings are well under control, but are too high for comfort within the context of the current situation," he said.

Only two months ago, McAlpine reported pre-tax profits down 61 per cent at £9.2 million and a halving in the final dividend to 5.8p. Mr Odgers said the company intended to pay an unchanged interim dividend of 4.5p, but that the size of the final would take into account the group's performance for the year.

Tempus, page 24

American output falls again

US isolated on interest rate front

From Susan Ellicott in Washington

THE Bush administration found some support yesterday for its struggling campaign to boost world growth with lower interest rates in reports that America had suffered two consecutive quarterly declines in gross national product for the first time since 1982.

But the call for easier credit faced opposition from Britain and Germany as financial policy-makers from the leading industrialised nations prepared to meet over the weekend.

The commerce department said America's recession deepened in the first three months as GNP, or the total output of goods and services, shrank at an annual rate of 2.8 per cent, against 1.6 per cent between October and December last year. Consumer spending also fell for the second quarter in a row.

The reports came a day after President Bush called for interest rates to go "down a little bit" to initiate a rebound before his likely bid for re-election begins. America is likely to be the only member of the Group of Seven to press for a coordinated cut in interest rates.

The Federal Reserve has ignored hints from the Treasury for easier credit, while a European tour by Nicholas Brady, the treasury secretary, and one to Japan by David Mulford, the under-secretary for international affairs, found little welcome for the American campaign.

Karl Otto Pöhl, president of the Bundesbank, said Germany would resist calls from America to trim interest rates as economic policy-makers concentrate on keeping a lid on inflation. Britain, too, has said it is not ready to relax.

America's prodding therefore is unlikely to yield more than a linguistic compromise in a joint communiqué expected to be released by the G7 tomorrow evening. The wording will probably encourage countries to promote easier credit and growth-oriented policies. But the meeting coincides with the biggest divergence in members' economic cycles for several years and officials have been mumbling about low points in co-operation among the seven.

As America shows some evidence of being over the worst of a recession, Britain and Canada remain burdened by rising unemployment and concerns about inflation. Japan and Germany are growing, although Bonn is fighting to absorb the costs of unification and the modernisation of former East Germany. Italy and France are expanding, too, but at a slower rate.

Before the G7 meeting, Mr Mulford said the outlook for the world economy contained a number of encouraging signs, including a likely recovery in America this year. But he stressed that real interest rates remained high worldwide and aggregate G7 economic activity was slowing considerably. "Major countries will need to review the policies which could be pursued to promote lower real interest rates and a growing world economy," he said.

"If you're looking for a single holding for the Pacific, this is the one."

JAPAN CANADA HONG KONG UNITED STATES OF AMERICA THAILAND SINGAPORE AUSTRALIA

F&C Pacific Investment Trust is the only trust that is truly 100% Pacific. The only sector trust to include North America. The least volatile trust in its sector. The most stable.

With a portfolio covering Japan, Australia, Canada, Hong Kong, Malaysia, Mexico, Singapore, Thailand and the United States and an investment choice from the younger dynamic to the mature economies. Add to this the advantage of active Dollar-Yen currency management. The result is a proven ability to achieve consistent high-quality, long-term performance.

If you're looking for a single holding for the Pacific, this is the one. From just £25 a month, you can share in the greater potential rewards of the F&C Pacific Investment Trust. Through our Private Investor Plan.

For your copy of our Private Investor Plan brochure and application form, phone Eleanor Brett on 071-628 8000 during office hours or our 24 hour number below. Alternatively, post the coupon today.

Share in the success.

24 HOUR PHONE SERVICE 071-454 1404

Foreign & Colonial

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

For a copy of our Private Investor Plan brochure and application form, send this coupon to Foreign & Colonial Management Limited, PO Box 2, Twyford, Berkshire RG10 9NW

NAME ______

ADDRESS ______

______

POSTCODE ______

PT ST 28 4

Foreign & Colonial Management Ltd is Manager of the F&C Pacific Investment Trust plc and seven other Foreign & Colonial investment trusts and a member of IMRO.
The value of shares can fall as well as rise and past performance is no guide to the future. An investor may not get back the amount he had invested.

THE POUND

US dollar
1.6840 (-0.0100)

German mark
2.9538 (-0.0065)

Exchange index
90.8 (same)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1938.3 (-5.6)

FT-SE 100
2471.3 (-10.8)

New York Dow Jones
2909.90 (-11.14)*

Tokyo Nikkei Avge
26123.68 (+84.82)

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base. 12%
3-month Interbank 11 25/32-11 3/4%
3-month eligible bills: 11 5/16-11 1/4%
US: Prime Rate 9%
Federal Funds 5 15/16%*
3-month Treasury Bills 5.61-5.59%*
30-year bonds 95 7/32-95 11/16*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.6840	£: $1.6665*
£: DM2.9538	$: DM1.7534*
£: SwFr2.4911	$: SwFr1.4795*
£: FFr9.9702	$: FFr5.9175*
£: Yen232.73	$: Yen138.15*
£: Index 90.8	$: Index:66.8
ECU £0.697064	SDR £0.789796
£: ECU1.434588	£: SDR1.266149

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $354.15 pm-$353.25
close $353.70-354.20 (£209.60-210.10)
New York:
Comex $353.25-353.75*

RETAIL PRICES

RPI: 131.4 March (1987=100)

NORTH SEA

Brent (May) ...... $19.80 bbl ($19.90)
* Denotes latest trading price

BNFL sales exceed £1bn for first time

By PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

BRITISH Nuclear Fuels' sales topped £1 billion for the first time last year, the company announced yesterday, while pre-tax profits rose from £124 million to £145 million.

Publication of BNFL's report and accounts for 1989-90 was considerably delayed after the government's policy changes on nuclear power, and in particular the withdrawal of the nuclear power stations from the programme of electricity privatisation.

Lengthy negotiations with Nuclear Electric and Scottish Nuclear, over new fixed-price contracts for fuel cycle services, have also contributed to the delay in the company's results, though Christopher Harding, BNFL chairman, said yesterday, after the company's annual meeting, that he was confident settlements to the price negotiations would soon be reached.

BNFL's turnover, at £1.043 billion, was up by 14 per cent and exceeded the £1 billion mark for the first time. Operating profits also rose by 14 per cent to £314 million.

The company is paying a dividend of £46.4 million to the government, which is its sole shareholder.

Describing the results as "excellent", Mr Harding said he was confident that there would be a resumption of orders for nuclear power stations in Britain.

But he accepted that, in the meantime, the company's prospects for business expansion lay largely in export markets.

With the conclusion of further reprocessing orders with Germany, worth about £800 million, BNFL now feels assured of overseas business well into the next century.

Mr Harding disclosed that more fuel had been reprocessed at BNFL's Sellafield plant in Cumbria last year than in any previous year in the company's history, but BNFL also said that there was a further reduction in the number of radiological incidents, and claimed that the average radiation exposure to Sellafield employees reached an all-time low.

DSS backs pension test case

By JONATHAN PRYNN

THE government is to give financial backing for an attempt by pension fund trustees to obtain a clear ruling on the controversial Barber judgment on company pensions.

The trustees of the Coloroll group pension schemes will take the case to the European Court of Justice as the ambiguity of the landmark ruling makes it effectively impossible to wind up the schemes.

The European Court ruled in the Barber case that occupational pension schemes could not discriminate between men and women. However, the ruling, made on May 17 last year, did not make clear the status of pension schemes begun before that date.

According to different interpretations of the ruling, the additional cost faced by UK companies could range from £10 billion to £60 billion. A clarification of the ruling will allow occupational pension schemes to assess accurately their additional liability.

The Department of Social Security decided to back the Coloroll case because it included a range of different types of occupational pension schemes, which are being wound up following the company going into receivership last year. The judgment could also have a knock-on effect for state pensions. The scale of the financial backing for the Coloroll action has not yet been decided.

Trustees: Richard Neale, right, and Andrew Bayliss

Richard Neale, a director of Coloroll pension trustees, said: "As trustees, we need to make certain that the eventual amounts paid to beneficiaries are absolutely correct. Since the ruling is so unclear, the only course of action is to obtain clarification through the courts."

A decision from the Court of Justice is not expected for at least 18 months. The Barber case took ten years to complete.

Greenbank fends off attempts to extend board

By MARTIN BARROW

WALKER Greenbank, the commercial wallcoverings group, has defeated an attempt by its largest shareholder to appoint three non-executive directors to the board.

Resolutions calling for the appointment of three new directors nominated by Aubin, the Jersey investment company that owns 27.4 per cent of Greenbank, were defeated at an extraordinary general meeting in London yesterday.

Aubin had originally sought to appoint five directors, doubling the size of the board, but withdrew two nominations late on Thursday, hoping to allay fears that it wanted to gain control of Greenbank without mounting a bid.

Despite a last-minute appeal at the meeting by Sigurd Reinton, a director of Aubin, each resolution was defeated. A clear majority was needed, but Mr Reinton secured only 40.4 per cent of the vote. Alan Kennedy and Jeoff Samson, also Aubin nominees, were supported by 43.7 per cent and 46.5 per cent of shareholders respectively.

After the voting, Mr Reinton said Aubin would make a statement about the future of its investment in Greenbank before the annual meeting in July. He said: "We have to think carefully about what to do next but we haven't altered our view that the board needs strengthening."

During the meeting, David Richards, chairman of Greenbank, refuted Aubin's charge that the company had sold businesses to management teams for questionable prices and defended the decision to focus on manufacturing. Since a change of management 18 months ago, Greenbank has raised £30 million through the sale of 18 businesses.

Lloyds to cut links in Far East

By NEIL BENNETT
BANKING CORRESPONDENT

LLOYDS Bank is closing its corporate banking and treasury businesses in Hong Kong and Singapore with the loss of 147 jobs, even though they made profits of £3.9 million last year.

The bank will wind down the two businesses, which it tried unsuccessfully to sell last year, in the summer and is also closing small offices in Indonesia and China. The closure will realise net assets of £20.2 million, which the bank plans to invest in its private banking and personal financial services business.

The closures are part of Lloyd's withdrawal from corporate banking in the Far East. The bank is negotiating to sell its offices in Taiwan and South Korea to Internationale Nederlanden, the Dutch banking and insurance group.

INTERNATIONAL BOND

UP TO

14·75%

GROSS P.A. VARIABLE

BEST OFFSHORE RATE FROM A TOP 10 BUILDING SOCIETY SUBSIDIARY

Minimum Balance	Gross pa Variable†
£5,000	14.00%
£25,000	14.75%

Rates subject to review following general rate changes.

☐ I/We wish to open an International Bond and enclose a cheque for £__________ (min £5,000).

Cheques should be made payable to Bristol & West International Ltd. Please write your name and address clearly on the reverse of your cheque.

I/We would like information on the following: ☐ International Bond ☐ Guernsey Gross 90 Day Account. ☐ Guernsey Gross Instant Access Account.

Name (Mr/Mrs/Ms)__________
PLEASE USE BLOCK CAPITALS
Address__________
__________ TIMES/27/4
Postcode__________ Tel. No__________
Nationality__________ Date of Birth__________

Please send to Bristol & West International, 50 High Street, St Peter Port, Guernsey, Channel Islands. Tel: 0481 720609.

Once again, the Bristol & West can offer you the best* rate – through our Guernsey subsidiary, Bristol & West International.

As a non-taxpayer you'll earn up to an excellent 14.75% gross pa (on balances of £25,000 or more) with our new International Bond.

And what's more, you don't have to tie up all your money during the lifetime of the Bond.

You can make a one-off instant withdrawal of up to £5,000 anytime before 30th June 1992, providing that the remaining balance is £10,000 or more.

And after 1st April 1992 you can even get instant penalty free access to the interest you've earned.

The Bond's minimum investment is only £5,000 and interest is paid gross. But you should act now as this offer is strictly limited. And if you want to open an International Bond, or any of our other highly competitive offshore accounts – like the Guernsey Gross 90 Day and Instant Access Accounts – it couldn't be simpler.

All you need to do is fill in the coupon and send us a cheque.

Or for further information you can pick up a leaflet at any Bristol & West building society branch.

BRISTOL & WEST
INTERNATIONAL

[illegible]

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

HSBC arm swings to $72m quarterly loss

MARINE Midland Banks, the American offshoot of HSBC Holdings, formerly the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, plunged to an after-tax loss of $72.3 million for the first three months of the year against a net profit of $6 million last time. The results are another blow to the Hong Kong bank, which last year suffered its first profit decline since 1967. Marine made a $109 million bad debt provision for the quarter, up from $80 million in 1990.

Geoffrey Thompson, Marine's president and chief executive, said the loss was "very disappointing" and attributed it to loan loss provisions on property lending.

Joseph Holt brews £5.7m

SHAREHOLDERS at Joseph Holt, the Manchester brewer, will benefit from a proposed 19.2 per cent increase in dividend after pre-tax profits rose to £5.72 million (£4.6 million) last year. The final dividend is raised to 23p (19p), making an improved total of 31p (26p) for the year. The shares responded with a 59p jump to £16.66.

Dean and Bowes slips

DEAN and Bowes, the public house refitters, reported pre-tax profits down to £2.68 million (£2.85 million) last year. The results include a loss at TFL, a subsidiary since returned to its previous owners with the cancellation of their Dean and Bowes shares. Earnings fell to 10.5p (14.2p) per share. The total dividend stays at 6p, with a 3.25p final (same).

Redoute bid cleared

THE European Commission has given approval for La Redoute Catalogue, France's largest mail order company, to take over Britain's Empire Stores. The European Community's executive body said: "This marks the second time in two months that a continental mail order company has been allowed to take a foothold in the United Kingdom, where until recently only domestic operators were present."

The other was the takeover by Germany's Otto Versand of Next's Grattan subsidiary. Community clearance was the main regulatory obstacle to La Redoute's takeover.

Trust assets rise 23.3%

BRITISH Assets Trust net assets a share rose 23.3 per cent to 92.2p in the half year to end-March, while the FT all-share index rose 24 per cent. A second quarterly dividend of 1p makes 2p for the first half, up 7 per cent on the 1.875p paid last year. Pre-tax revenue was almost unchanged at £11.1 million (£11.03 million).

Expedier edges higher

INTEREST charges at Expedier soared from £84,000 to £760,000 last year and left the corporate hospitality specialist with taxable profits slightly up at £1.27 million (£1.25 million). Turnover rose from £10.56 million to £17.03 million. A final dividend of 0.5p makes 1p (nil), payable from earnings per share of 3p (5.7p).

Usborne result falls

PRE-TAX profits at Usborne, the agricultural feed to property group, fell from £2.43 million to £1.63 million in the year to end-December, despite turnover ahead from £136 million to £210 million. The property division incurred a loss of £382,000 (£12,000 profit). The grain merchanting division rose from £1.03 million to £1.79 million. Group operating profits increased from £1.63 million to £2.07 million, but there was an exceptional charge of £172,000. Earnings per share slipped from 2.77p to 1.68p. The final dividend is maintained at 1p, making an unchanged total of 1.5p.

THE SUNDAY TIMES

Moores the merrier

"The meeting of 32 Moores family members was upbeat – things are going swimmingly for the Littlewoods Organisation. Profits are up 46% to £94.8m, and the family's campaign against a national lottery appears to have saved Littlewoods' football pools from extinction."

Business – The Sunday Times tomorrow

SELF-EMPLOYED WITHOUT A PENSION?

Ring our free Moneyline from 9:00 a.m. – 5.30 p.m., 7 days a week, on

0800 282 101

SAVE & PROSPER

THE INVESTMENT HOUSE

صورة عن الاصل

Toothpaste salesman's ring of confidence

BUSINESS PROFILE

By Gillian Bowditch

Sir Michael Angus

The chairman of Unilever has a reputation for being a bully. He also makes an ideal dinner guest

When Sir Michael Angus, chairman of Unilever, the largest consumer products company in the world, describes himself as "a toothpaste salesman", he is not indulging in false modesty. He is describing his love of brands.

The man who runs the multinational group that sold £23 billion worth of cosmetics, food, detergents and oils last year is not given to underestimating his own talents or achievements.

He is a pragmatist and a politician, a man in control of an empire that stretches from Australia to Zimbabwe. He is self-assured and admits to avoiding situations that would make him unhappy or disturbed.

Alistair Grant, chairman of Argyll, the supermarket group, and a former Unilever employee, describes Sir Michael as a man of long views and large ideas.

Socially, Sir Michael is an affable man, at ease in almost any company. He is an entertaining conversationalist with a strong sense of humour.

These attributes, plus his love of good food and wine, would make him an ideal dinner guest. He enjoys socialising. His drinking friends include Lord King, Cecil Parkinson and Lord Sterling.

Cob Stenham, chairman of Wiggins Teape Appleton, the paper group, and a former finance director of Unilever, says of Sir Michael: "He is very, very bright. He is also hugely amusing, almost improbably so. If a colleague has made a mess of a situation, his description can be very funny. It's not so funny if you are the colleague. He is difficult to work for but extremely stimulating."

Sir Michael is in the habit of presenting himself as a bluff man of the people, an image that his broad girth, bluntness and open, friendly face support. His approach to business, however, is analytical. Within Unilever he has a reputation for being a bully. His colleagues respect him but if they do not stand up for themselves, they are unlikely to go far. Generally, he is not seen as a lovable man, but those who come to know him well end up liking him.

In spite of his reputation, Sir Michael cannot be an autocrat. The structure of Unilever's board, stemming from its Anglo-Dutch roots in the Thirties, when Lever Brothers merged with Unie, means that at the top of the group is a triumvirate: the special committee, comprising two chairmen, one Dutch and one British, and a third man. It is a set-up that a chairman with less confidence would not enjoy. But Sir Michael likes the camaraderie of joint decision making.

Flors Maljers, the Dutch chairman of Unilever, is Sir Michael's *alter ego*. "Maljers is the opposite of me. If it wasn't for business I doubt we would see each other, although we get on very well. He is extremely intellectual and has a great interest in old languages and history and things I find very dry. I am more intuitive. I quite like a drink in a pub occasionally but I couldn't see old Maljers doing that."

Sir Michael is a Unilever man through and through, having joined the group in 1954 as a management trainee. Consequently, he knows the business inside out: no mean achievement as the group has four divisions, each as big as a large quoted company and each jam-packed with brand names ranging from Elizabeth Arden cosmetics and Cornetto ice-cream to Brooke Bond tea, Flora margarine, Surf washing powder and Fray Bentos pies. The first brand he managed was SR toothpaste. He still uses it.

'If you make a mistake in a business of this size it can be like crashing an oil tanker'

In addition to possessing the right background for a Unilever chairman — sound grammar school education coupled with a reasonable degree in mathematics and a good national service — Sir Michael had the guts and the political clout it took to climb to the top. He is considered to be the brightest mind within Unilever, with the possible exception of Maljers, but rivals point out that the group tends to go in for home-spun management.

Sir Michael does not believe he has lost out by being a one-company man. "Unilever is a business in which you can change your job and role as dramatically as going to another employer."

There has never been a time when he has seriously considered leaving Unilever. "When I joined, in 1954, most people expected to stay with one company for the rest of their lives. I was in my thirties when the job offers started floating around and I began to realise there were possibilities of leaving, but I wasn't tempted."

The job offers have been coming thick and fast in the past year. Sir Michael retires from Unilever in a year, when he reaches 62, the age at which all Unilever directors must quit. He has agreed to become a non-executive chairman of another British company and last week was nominated as deputy president of the Confederation of British Industry. He is expected to take over as president of the CBI in May 1992, when he leaves Unilever.

Sir Michael will probably be best remembered for taking the group to joint number one in the cosmetics and perfumes market, in spite of intense competition, and for turning round Unilever's one-time ailing American subsidiary.

The challenge of righting the American business is the one he has enjoyed most and the job that prepared him directly for the chairmanship. When he returned from America in 1984, after four years, he was appointed third man to the special committee.

"I asked for the American job," he says. "I told the board there was only one way the problem was going to be solved. I was going to go over and fix it." Colleagues say that his ambition is driven by a desire for power. In addition to his undoubted ability and the luck that smooths the path of everyone who has ever made it to the top, Sir Michael is the shrewdest of politicians. Indeed, had it not been for three-and-a-half years' national service, there is a strong chance he could have made it to the top echelons of the Conservative party.

His good friend, Cecil Parkinson, a former Tory party chairman, believes Sir Michael would have made a good politician. "He is one of the best after-dinner speakers I have ever heard," he says. "He's good company and very easy to be with. He lacks pretentiousness."

Mr Parkinson says that along with himself and Norman Tebbit, Sir Michael founded the Conservative Political Centre in Hemel Hempstead in the Sixties. The three were close friends and Mr Parkinson believes Sir Michael could have emulated himself or Norman Tebbit by becoming Conservative party chairman had he entered politics.

Sir Michael describes himself as "an uninhibited Tory", although he points out that his family was lower-middle class. "I had a belief in the market-place and in a competitive society and a detestation of a bureaucratic society."

Friends say his politics are to the right of the Conservative party. He likes the company of politicians and admits, "I am more tolerant of naked ambition than most people". He was active politically at Bristol University, where he completed a BSc in mathematics.

He has not met John Major, a situation that is soon to be rectified, but it is likely that he will get on well with the prime minister: they share a certain classlessness. For the former prime minister, Sir Michael has nothing but praise. "What I liked about Mrs Thatcher was her great power as a change agent," he says. "During the decade she was in power she fundamentally changed attitudes. Britain was becoming an anti-business country.

Rural roots: Sir Michael and Lady Angus on their estate in Gloucestershire, where they grew up and later settled

"If you did well in business people wondered if you had your finger in the till." He believes that Britain may have seen the worst of the recession but says he is not a natural optimist. "I am cautious and I like to have a contingency plan. If you make a mistake in a business of this size it can be like crashing an oil tanker."

He admits to having made mistakes over the years, notably when products have failed, but he says none have been in the oil tanker league.

"If I had made the big error I wouldn't be here. Management isn't about making the right decision, it's about making a decision and getting it right. My wife would probably say I am a pessimist."

His wife does not describe him so. Lady Eileen Angus, whom he married at the age of 22, says they have spent 40 interesting years together.

"His sense of humour is quick but not unkind. It's almost American, a bit off-beat. He's very sure of himself, a wise person and a diplomat. We are closer than most families are nowadays and his children rely on him for advice and help."

He has three children and seven grandchildren. Barbara, his daughter, lives close to his Gloucestershire home with her five sons. His eldest son, Simon, runs a garage business in the same vicinity. Nicholas, his second son, works for MB-Caradon, formerly Metal Box.

Sir Michael is the eldest of three and was brought up in Rhodesia and the south of England. His father trained as an optician and had a strong urge to travel. During the war, the family was evacuated to Stroud, Gloucestershire, and Sir Michael was educated at Marling grammar school. The couple met in Stroud and have settled close to their childhood roots.

'I told the board there was only one way to solve the problem. I was going to go over and fix it'

During the week Sir Michael lives in London and he has recently bought a house in southern France.

"I don't really like people like me very much," he says. "I like people who are committed to the countryside. I'm slightly suspicious of those who only go there for the weekend."

Lady Angus keeps an array of animals, including a dog, half a dozen cats, 20 goats, ducks, peacocks, chickens, guinea fowl and a pig called Josephine. "She's a Gloucester Old Spot, a rare breed," says Sir Michael of Josephine. "We bought her to breed piglets but she has been on two honeymoons and there have been no piglets, so we are discovering why she is a rare breed." But it is unlikely that Josephine will end up in a Walls packet, even if it is a Unilever brand.

In addition to his love of France and the countryside, Sir Michael is well known as a connoisseur of wine. His cellar boasts 3,000 bottles.

"It's very worrying when you get to my age. You have to become actuarially acute when buying wine to lay down. I don't want to leave these wines to my children. They would never appreciate it properly."

He enjoys the good life and says he has the slight weakness of over-indulgence, although he believes obstinacy might be more of a fault. "In my early life there was a hint of arrogance but I think I've got it under control. I lose my temper very occasionally."

Sir Michael has never been a worrier and feels guilty about not suffering from stress. Close friends say, however, that he does become extremely worried if he loses control of a situation, although he conceals his anxieties well.

Religion has not played an important part in his life but he says he worries about it more as he grows older.

"I suppose I'm a casual Church of England follower. I would find it hard to justify my casual Christianity because I have never intellectually thought it through. I have an a awful feeling that if I did I would become disturbed, and I have a tendency to avoid situations which would make me unhappy."

Guinness Mahon seeks £30m loan

By Neil Bennett
BANKING CORRESPONDENT

GUINNESS Mahon, the merchant bank, has been forced to ask for an emergency £30 million bridging loan from Bank of Yokohama, of Japan, its controlling shareholder. The money is needed to fill a shortfall in the bank's capital while it raises £49.3 million through a rights issue.

Guinness Mahon has confirmed a loss of £35.5 million in the six months to end-March due to heavy bad debt provisions.

The rights issue will restore the bank's capital, which has been weakened by the loss. Bank of Yokohama, which owns 65 per cent of the shares, has agreed to take up its share of the issue, and to subunderwrite the remainder. The Japanese bank is making the bridging loan at the favourable rate of only 0.3 of a percentage point above the London inter-bank rate.

Guinness is offering shareholders seven new shares for every four held at 44p each. This compares with the 146p the Bank of Yokohama paid for its original stake.

The merchant bank incurred bad debt provisions of around £30 million in the half year. These included £7 million against its leasing division, £3 million against its property lending, and £3 million in its Irish subsidiary. The bank also lent £5 million to Polly Peck International, the trading company that went into administration last year.

The provisions were set after a team from Bank of Yokohama examined Guinness's loan book. Geoffrey Bell, chairman, says the Japanese bank is now playing a more active role in Guinness's lending decisions and is seconding executives to work in the bank. Guinness is closing its main leasing business and reducing its loan portfolio.

The losses have also precipitated a shake-up in the boardroom. Mr Bell is stepping down to become non-executive chairman, while David Potter, from Midland Montagu, has become chief executive. Takaaki Shinozaki, from Bank of Yokohama's New York office, is to be deputy chairman.

Hoechst

Invitation to the Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that
the Annual General Meeting
will be held at 10 a. m., on Tuesday, 4th June 1991,
at the Jahrhunderthalle Hoechst,
Frankfurt am Main

Agenda

1. Presentation of the approved annual financial statements, the Group financial statements, and the summarized management reports of Hoechst Aktiengesellschaft and the Group for the financial year 1990, together with the report of the Supervisory Board
2. Allocation of the profit available for dividend

It is proposed to pay a dividend of DM 13.– per share of DM 50.– nominal for the financial year 1990.

3. Ratification of the actions of the Board of Management for 1990
4. Ratification of the actions of the Supervisory Board for 1990
5. Authorized capital
6. Approval of a profit-and-loss transfer agreement
7. Amendment to Art. 13 of the Articles of Association
8. Election of auditors for the financial year 1991

The full agenda, including the proposed resolutions, is contained in the Bundesanzeiger no. 80 of 27th April 1991.

Shareholders wishing to be present and to vote at the Meeting must comply with Article 14 of the Articles of Association and deposit their share certificates during usual business hours by Tuesday, 28th May 1991, at the latest until after the Meeting, at one of the depositories listed in the Bundesanzeiger no. 80 of 27th April 1991, or, in the United Kingdom, at the offices of

S. G. Warburg & Co. Ltd.
1 Finsbury Avenue
London EC2M 2PA

Hoechst Aktiengesellschaft
Frankfurt am Main, April 1991

THE SCOTTISH MORTGAGE AND TRUST PLC

Sound judgement yields superior results.

Scottish Mortgage & Trust plc, one of Britain's biggest international investment trusts†, announces its financial results for the year to 31st March 1991.

In a difficult year, during which the FT Actuaries World Index fell by 2.3% in sterling terms, Scottish Mortgage achieved net asset value growth of 5.2%✻.

This commendable performance was matched by growth in earnings per share of 12% and a new record level of dividend, as the table shows, for the eighth consecutive year✻.

Throughout the year, turbulent and volatile conditions sternly tested the judgement of the fund's managers.

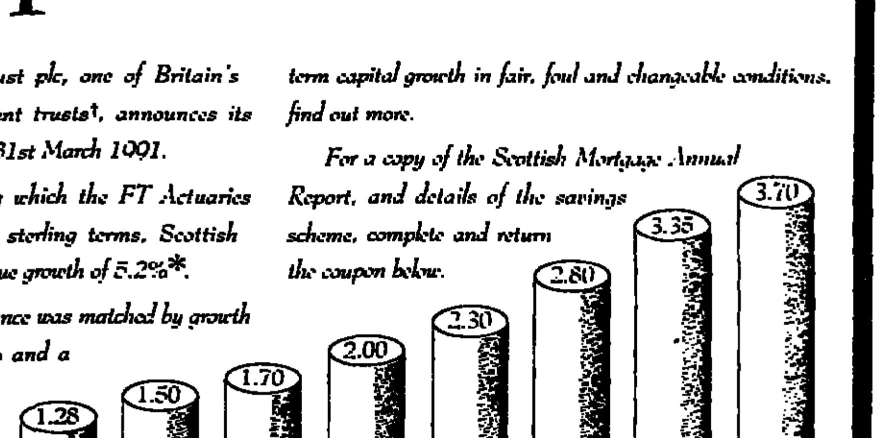
By raising significant amounts of cash immediately after the invasion of Kuwait last August, and by making a timely move back into equities around the turn of the year, our investors enjoyed the best of both worlds: high levels of deposit interest which helped to increase earnings per share, together with high levels of exposure to world equity markets during periods of growth and recovery.

As a large, highly-diversified and conservatively managed investment trust, Scottish Mortgage can play an important role at the core of private investors' portfolios.

Many choose to invest through the Baillie Gifford Investment Trust Savings Scheme, which makes it possible to invest regular monthly amounts of £30 or more, and lump sums at any time, at extremely low rates of commission.

If you are among those investors seeking steady long-term capital growth in fair, foul and changeable conditions, find out more.

For a copy of the Scottish Mortgage Annual Report, and details of the savings scheme, complete and return the coupon below.



Since share prices can fall as well as rise, an investor may not get back the amount invested, and past performance is not necessarily a guide to future performance.

To: Lindsey Greig, Baillie Gifford & Co, 10 Glenfinlas Street, Edinburgh EH3 6YY. Tel 031-225 4066. Fax 031-225 2358.
Please send me full details of the Scottish Mortgage Annual Report and the Baillie Gifford Investment Trust Savings Scheme.
Name
Address
Postcode
T 27/4/91

BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO
Scotland's international investment managers.
MEMBER OF IMRO

This advertisement has been issued by The Scottish Mortgage & Trust PLC and has been approved by Baillie Gifford & Co. Baillie Gifford & Co are the Managers and Secretaries of The Scottish Mortgage & Trust PLC and are Managers of The Baillie Gifford Investment Trust Savings Scheme. The Scottish Mortgage & Trust PLC does not carry out Investment Business as defined in the Financial Services Act 1986 so it is not subject to the Act. † Source: AITC, 31st March 1991. ✻ Source: Scottish Mortgage Annual Report 1991.

Watson & Philip sets its sights on AF

By Gillian Bowditch

WATSON & Philip, the Dundee foodstores supplier, has taken its long-awaited step south with the planned acquisition of Amalgamated Foods for £35.5 million.

The deal, which requires shareholders' approval, will involve the allotment of W&P shares. AF shareholders will receive W&P shares worth £21.8 million, plus cash from the placing of a further block of W&P shares for £13.7 million.

In addition, W&P is raising £11.2 million, also via a placing, to develop the combined group. This placing is not conditional on the acquisition going ahead.

The total £24.9 million placing is at 262p a share, a 5.4 per cent discount to Thursday's closing price, and will be offered to shareholders on a three-for-five basis. The new shares will be eligible for a forecast interim dividend of 4p (3.1p last time). W&P shares fell 1p to 276p.

Ian Macpherson, W&P's chairman, says the merger will give the group economies of scale in purchasing power, marketing and technology.

AF, which made profits of £5.4 million on sales of £175 million last year, was formed in 1982 by a buyout from Linfood Holdings. Ronald Jacques, non-executive director of W&P, is the main shareholder in AF and will be non-executive deputy chairman of the enlarged group.

Alfred McAlpine enjoys the wonders of equity capital

TEMPUS

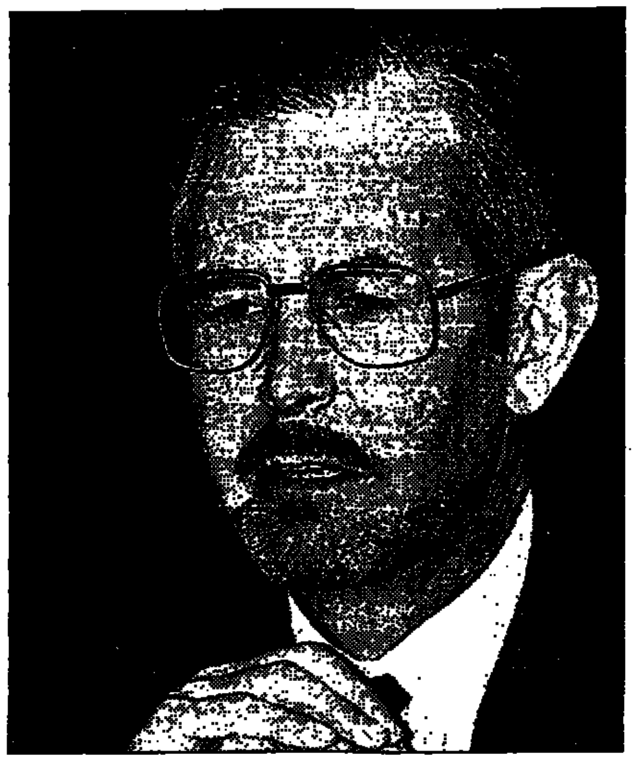
WHAT a wonderful commodity equity capital is. Only a few months ago, Graeme Odgers, Alfred McAlpine's new chief executive, was defending £39 million of provisions with that special low-key enthusiasm that incoming management reserves for such occasions.

Now Mr Odgers is back, launching a one-for-two rights issue aimed at raising — wait for it — £39 million of capital. But as those who struggle to cover the construction sector at the moment know only too well, any resemblance between rights issue proceeds and past provisions is purely coincidental.

A battle-weary sector appeared unimpressed, or was it uninterested? McAlpine's shares had fallen 21p to 286p ahead of the announcement and fell a further 28p on confirmation of what the market had spent the first four days of the week suspecting. At 258p, the shares closed modestly adrift of a theoretical ex-rights price of 265p.

As well as consigning past mistakes to history, the rights issue reduces the influence of the McAlpine family. Lyonnaise des Eaux-Dumez, the French company, will buy 3.2 million nil-paid shares from the McAlpine family trust, increasing the French stake to the agreed maximum of 12 per cent and reducing the McAlpine family interest from 25.6 per cent to 19.6 per cent.

Also on the way down is gearing, which falls from about 61 per cent — a level Mr Odgers feels uncomfortable with in the current market — to nearer 25 per cent.


Back with £39m issue: Graeme Odgers of McAlpine

McAlpine's ace is its relationship with the French group, but Mr Odgers admits this relationship is more potential than actual at the moment. In the meantime, the prospects for McAlpine look as difficult as they are for all construction companies.

At 258p, the shares are on an adjusted price/earnings multiple of 14-15 and, once again, should not be chased higher.

NHL

LIKE the building societies it competes against, National Home Loans has discovered that diversification can be a painful process.

In the six months to the end of March, NHL made bad debt provisions of £11.5 million against its £3.2 billion mortgage book. This is a tenfold increase from the previous year, but still only represents a 0.4 per cent default rate.

The company's newer subsidiaries were harder hit. The leasing, business loans and consumer loans businesses have assets of only £303 million, but had to write off £8.3 million in provisions.

These included a loss in the collapsed ILG, and the £3.5 million lost in the fraud at NHL's consumer loan arm. This brings the rate of default to a hefty 2.7 per cent, showing NHL should stick to its core business in a recession.

The increase in provisions reduced the group's profits by 35 per cent to £10.1 million in the six months to end-March. Things would have been worse without a surprising rise in profits from the company's securitisation issues, from £1.5 million to £8.5 million.

The second half of NHL's year should be more rewarding since its lending margins have soared since the base rate started falling. It is still charging homeowners 14.95 per cent, with cuts planned at the beginning of May and June.

Despite this, profits for the full year may reach only £26 million, down from £30.2 million. This puts the shares, at 133p, on a p/e ratio of 11. The yield of 9 per cent is attractive, but there are better recovery prospects elsewhere in the financial sector.

Slingsby profits fall 2%

PRE-TAX profits at HC Slingsby, the truck and ladder maker, fell by 2 per cent from £505,000 to £496,000 during the year to end-December.

A final 5.5p dividend makes an unchanged 7.5p total. Earnings were 33p (34.9p).

JO Walker drops

JO Walker & Co, the timber importer, made a pre-tax loss of £36,342 in the year to end-December (£56,298 profit). Turnover was £15.1 million (£15.7 million); the loss per share was 3.8p (5p earnings) and the final dividend is 2p, making 2.67p (4p).

Final payout

Downiebrae Holdings, which passed its interim dividend, recommends a 1p final, against a single dividend of 0.5p last time. Pre-tax profits were £633,693 (£542,890), and earnings were 3.19p (2.21p).

Clayton ahead

Clayton, Son & Co (Holdings) made £543,000 pre-tax profit (£540,000) in the year to end-December, on turnover of £17.4 million (£16 million). Earnings per share are 13.8p (12.6p). The final dividend is held at 9.3p, making 11.8p (11.5p) for the year.

Trust assets rise

Investors Capital Trust net assets a share rose 25 per cent to 113.9p in the six months to end-March. A second quarterly dividend of 1.25p makes 2.5p for the first half (2.375p). Pre-tax revenue was £8.38 million (£7.92 million).

WALL STREET

New York

PRICES were under pressure in the morning as blue chips edged lower.

The Dow Jones industrial average lost 18 points to 2,903.04. Analysts said signs of higher inflation and fears that the recession may not be close to its low point were keeping investors unsteady.

(Reuter)

Further drop in US output depresses prices

ATTEMPTS by the equity market to maintain an early lead were scuppered by a set of gloomy figures from the United States, showing a further drop in output. The news sent prices in London into reverse as the two-week account ended. A hesitant start on Wall Street also took its toll.

The FT-SE 100 index, up more than 5 points early on, finished 10.8 lower at 2,471.3. The FT 30 index shed 5.6 to 1,938.3. But trading remained thin with Smith New Court and Cazenove, two leading securities houses, both squaring positions before their financial year-end. A total of 538 million shares changed hands.

Monday sees the start of a three-week account, which includes two bank holidays. Dealers are pessimistic on the short-term outlook and would like to see a large takeover bid to boost demand.

Government securities saw losses of £¼ extended to almost £1 at the longer end as the American GNP figures were digested.

STOCK MARKET

Shares in **Alfred McAlpine**, the construction group, fell 28p to 258p after the group asked shareholders for £38 million by way of a rights issue on the basis of one-for-two at 225p. The group wants the money to offset debts that are forecast to reach £90 million by the year end. The French group Lyonnaise des Eaux-Dumez intends to double its holding to 12 per cent.

Guinness Mahon, the merchant bank, is raising almost £50 million by a rights issue to cover provisions against bad debts. The group has announced losses of £35 million and a cut in the dividend. It has issued a warning that it could be some time before profitability is restored. The shares marked time at 45p after falling sharply last week.

Water shares shrugged off some of the weakness stemming from the unbundling of the water package before the suspension in trading on July 12. The sector has fallen sharply in the last week with foreign investors worried by the uncertain political outlook and so unwinding their positions before the July deadline. The water package jumped £85 to £2,858, with Smith New Court still optimistic about the sector.

There were also rises for **Anglian**, 6p to 286p, **Northumbrian**, 4p to 318p, **North West**, 4p to 289p, **Severn Trent**, 6p to 272p, **Southern**, 7p to 268p, **South West**, 4p to 290p, **Thames**, 8p to 306p, **Welsh**, 3p to 324p, **Wessex**, 1p to 357p, and **Yorkshire**, 8p to 308p.

Land Securities, the property developer, fell 14p to 515p. Adam Murza, an analyst at Smith New Court, says that Land Securities may report in a few weeks that its net asset value is 680p a share. But that could be 100p lower in a year's time.

Michael Clark

UNIT LINKED INSURANCE INVESTMENTS

The prices in this section refer to Thursday's trading

هكذا عن الأصل

1990 - a year of unexpected world turbulence

Extracts from address by ICI Chairman Sir Denys Henderson
at the Annual General Meeting of Imperial Chemical Industries PLC
on April 26th 1991

NINETEEN-NINETY was a year of sharply contrasting halves — reasonable growth in the first six months, followed by a serious decline in most economies of the western world. This was particularly acute in the UK, North America and Australia. If I remind you that Eastern Europe descended rapidly into political and financial turmoil, that much of Latin America continued to face harsh economic conditions, that many of our important customer industries (such as housing, construction, automobiles, textiles and consumer goods) slumped badly, and that in August the invasion of Kuwait resulted in drastic oil price increases — then I may justifiably describe 1990 as a year of unexpected turbulence worldwide. That was certainly true for the chemical industry, and ICI, despite its far-reaching structural changes in the 1980s, could not escape these dramatic developments.

Our 1990 pre-tax profits were well down on the record figures of 1989 but, at just under £1.0 billion, they remain substantial and much in line with most of our international competitors, who faced similar problems.

Nevertheless, they were disappointing, even allowing for the difficult trading climate. Some of our businesses performed very creditably, but a number of others were much less robust than we would have wished. We are therefore taking action to improve their performance through restructuring. This will include some divestments, further cost reductions and substantial reorganisation. You can be absolutely sure that a sense of urgency guides all our efforts. Fortunately, ICI was amongst the first to see the downturn coming, and the remedial action we took early on to strengthen our balance sheet, to conserve cash and to control costs has allowed us to maintain the dividend.

Acquisitions and divestments

Trading from June onwards became increasingly difficult as fears about the impact of the Gulf War reduced an already shaky business confidence. We were, however, able to conclude a number of important actions. We disposed of our stake in Enterprise Oil, acquired the 50% of Tioxide which we did not own and we bought the Atlas Powder Company in the USA to reinforce our global Explosives business. These are just three examples from sixteen acquisitions and twenty-one divestments which we completed last year as part of a reshaping process. We also reorganised our European businesses and created a new ICI Specialties grouping — both of which will improve efficiency and make us even more responsive to customer needs.

We do not yet see signs of the significant improvement in demand which is essential for a sustained recovery. The upturn should come eventually, although precisely when is hard to predict. Meanwhile, stringent cost control and the maintenance of a strong balance sheet must take priority, but not at the expense of our longer term goals.

Strategies and priorities

Last Autumn, my colleagues and I embarked on a far-reaching review of our existing strategies for both businesses and territories. Our conclusion was that ICI's strategy over the last decade was still directionally correct, but that it needed to be sharpened considerably. We need to be still more competitive, more international and more selective about where we put our resources. Our priority in the future must be given to those businesses where ICI already has, or can develop, a strong, global position in the three major markets of Europe, North America and Asia Pacific. We will concentrate on seven business groupings — Pharmaceuticals; Agrochemicals and Seeds; Specialties; Paints; Industrial Chemicals; Explosives; and a new Materials business which has been formed from ICI's existing expertise in Polyurethanes, Films, Fibres, Acrylics and Advanced Materials.

Businesses with real global profit potential will be priority candidates for expansion, while those without this potential will be maintained as cash generators or identified as candidates for divestment. We have allowed for the costs of further reshaping the ICI Group in the extraordinary item of £300 million which we have charged in the 1990 accounts. In every business and territory, efforts are underway to improve performance and we are determined to back strong businesses now and for the long haul.

We are not short of challenges. But we have excellent people to ensure that we grasp the opportunities of the 90s. To have weathered the last few stormy months has required the considerable skills and dedication of ICI employees everywhere. We value greatly each individual's contribution and we are committed to ensuring that all who work for ICI feel able to fulfil their potential. An example of this is the strengthening of our Equal Opportunities policy last year and the introduction of new measures to make it easier for women employees to raise a family while still pursuing a serious career in ICI. It is encouraging that the number of women in middle and senior management has virtually trebled in ICI over the last five years, although let us be clear, there is still a very long way to go.

■

Pre-tax profits just under £1 billion

■

Dividend maintained

■

Further reshaping of ICI Group to improve performance

■

Three Queen's Awards for Technological Achievement in 1990 and two in 1991

■

£740 million spent on safety, health and environment

Group Purpose: the ICI values

Underpinning Company policy, financial performance and concern for our people, there has always been a set of values which have consistently guided ICI over the years. Basically, these values describe our commitment to enhance the wealth and well-being of our shareholders, our employees, our customers and the communities in which we operate. Our success must be measured by our ability to translate these objectives into practice.

There has been real progress on a number of fronts. Firstly, the innovative and responsible application of chemistry and related sciences will probably be the most important single factor in maintaining ICI's success in the future. Despite economic pressures, the Group has increased research and development expenditure to the point where, at £679 million, it is a marginally higher proportion of sales income than in 1989. We make reference in the Annual Report to three Queen's Awards for Technological Achievement and I am happy to say that we have just heard that we have received a further two. I am also pleased to report that we were awarded the prestigious Pollution Abatement Technology Award in the UK for an ICI catalytic process that removes unwanted by-products in a way that allows the products to be recycled. We can all be proud of the fact that through ICI technology we are improving the quality of life in many ways, which is consistent with our objective to ensure substantial profitable growth.

Secondly, I would refer to safety, health and the environment, where we have significantly stepped up our expenditure from over £600 million in 1989 to £740 million last year. Our safety performance is good. For example, our injury rate in 1989 was half that of manufacturing industry generally in the UK. But we still have some way to go before we are the equal of the very best in the chemical industry worldwide. I have set specific objectives regarding the environment which will be carefully monitored and effort and expenditure have increased. We have much to achieve before we can claim that we are operating in harmony with the global environment. But we are working extremely hard to achieve that part of the Group Purpose.

Finally, there is our long term commitment to shareholders and shareholder value. Let me assure you that everything we do has this as a key imperative. No one can be content with the fluctuation of our share price in 1990, and ICI was particularly affected in the early days of the Gulf War. On the other hand, the Board firmly believes that shareholder income deserves high priority and we were determined to maintain the dividend despite the adverse economic conditions. We have also responded to requests that we should consider introducing an ICI PEP, which does appear to have been particularly timely in the light of last month's Budget.

The future

So what of the immediate future? You will have seen from the first quarter's results that we are still in the grip of recession in many markets, although I do not think there has been any further deterioration since the end of last year. Indeed, the Gulf War has ended, oil prices have fallen to a more stable level and interest rates are slowly falling by modest steps. My crystal ball remains pretty cloudy about the next few months, but I suspect that 1991 may be the opposite of last year — a very difficult first half, followed by modest improvement in demand if conditions are right.

Critical to recovery is the restoration of business and consumer confidence. That, in turn, depends on much lower inflation and substantially reduced interest rates, adequate availability of credit to finance soundly-based investment plans, and a domestic currency which does not leave British exporters uncompetitively placed in world markets. Whatever the timing of these external events, it is clear that 1991 will be a difficult year. Beyond 1991, I believe that economic growth should resume, although probably at lower rates than in the second half of the last decade.

I remain optimistic that the products and processes of the chemical industry will continue to be much in demand in both the developed and developing worlds. I am also confident that the comprehensive review of policies and actions which I have described this morning will ensure that ICI shares fully in the opportunities before us.

STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Shares fall again

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began April 15. Dealings ended yesterday. §Contango day April 29. Settlement day May 7.
§Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Where one price is quoted, it is a middle price. Changes, yields and price earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

Portfolio PLATINUM

From your Portfolio Platinum card check your eight share price movements on this page only. Add these prices to your running total for the week and check this against the weekly dividend figure on this page. If it matches this figure, you have won outright or a share of the total weekly prize money stated. If you win, follow the claim procedure on the back of your card. You must always have your card available when claiming. Game rules appear on the back of your card.

No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Estates Gen	Property	
2	Aus New Z	Banks,Discount	
3	Lucas	Motors,Aircraft	
4	Pressac	Electricals	
5	Ocean Group	Transport	
6	Bilton (P)	Property	
7	Welsh Water	Water	
8	Reuters	Industrials L-R	
9	Salvesen (Chstn)	Foods	
10	Hickson	Chemicals,Plas	
11	Williams Hldgs	Industrials S-Z	
12	Wassall	Industrials S-Z	
13	AB Food	Foods	
14	T & N	Industrials S-Z	
15	Unigate	Foods	
16	Tace	Industrials S-Z	
17	Woodside	Oil,Gas	
18	Brent Chems	Chemicals,Plas	
19	Provident	Banks,Discount	
20	Flexello C&W	Industrials E-K	
21	Whatman	Industrials S-Z	
22	Domino	Electricals	
23	Unitech	Electricals	
24	Davy	Industrials A-D	
25	Pittard Garnar	Shoes, Leather	
26	Burmah Castrol	Oil,Gas	
27	Bradford	Property	
28	BTR	Industrials A-D	
29	Trafalgar H	Industrials S-Z	
30	Lex Service	Motors,Aircraft	
31	EIS	Industrials E-K	
32	North West	Water	
33	Assoc Fisheries	Foods	
34	Sthrn Water	Water	
35	Baker Harris	Property	
36	Tootal	Textiles	
37	Cairn Energy	Oil,Gas	
38	Yorkshire Water	Water	
39	Nat Aust Bk	Banks,Discount	
40	TGH	Industrials S-Z	
41	Jardine Math	Industrials E-K	
42	Simon Eng	Industrials S-Z	
43	Campari	Leisure	
44	Elys (Wimbledon)	Drapery,Stores	
© Times Newspapers Ltd.	Daily Total		

Please take into account any minus signs

Weekly Dividend						
Please make a note of your daily totals for the weekly dividend of £4,000 in today's newspaper.						
MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	Weekly Total

Two readers shared the £2,000 Portfolio Platinum prize yesterday. Mr Raymon Conyers, of Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire, and Mrs Mary Reardon, of Stoke Poges, Buckinghamshire, each receive £1,000.

Portfolio PLATINUM

© Times Newspapers Limited
WEEKLY DIVIDEND
£4,000
Claims required for +184 points

Claimants should ring 0254-53272.

BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (Under Five Years)

[illegible]

FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS

[illegible]

OVER FIFTEEN YEARS

[illegible]

UNDATED

[illegible]

INDEX-LINKED

[illegible]

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

[illegible]

1991 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
485	314	Westpac SE	443	450	-1	20.0	4.5	7.8
163	100	Do 6% 'A'	147	150	–	8.0	5.4	–
50¼	25	Wells Fargo	50¼		-¾	–	–	–
212	128	Westpac	210	214	+11	–	–	–
353	286	Winterst	345	355	–	11.9	3.4	9.5

BREWERIES

1991 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
575	460	Allied-Lyons	518	521	-3	23.4	4.5	10.8
1044	887	Bass	951	958 r	–	43.2	4.5	8.9
176	124	Boddington	157	158 ●	-1	8.0	5.1	10.6
244	173	Bulmer (H P)	235	240	+6	10.6	4.5	17.0
143	105	Burtonwood Brew	125	132	–	5.3	4.1	12.0
238	135	Devenish (JA)	220	229	-2	7.1	3.2	16.6
61	53	Fosters Brewing Gp	53	65	–	–	–	–
839	683	Grand Met	788	792	-1	27.2	3.4	14.9
359	274	Greenall Whit	336	342	-1	13.3	3.9	13.1
494	374	Greene King	447	453	-1	13.6	3.0	16.1
924	717	Guinness	890	895 ●	-4	25.0	2.8	14.0
980	870½	Hardys & Hansons	955	975	+2	44.7	4.6	11.9
279	228	Highland Dist	258	260 ●	–	6.6	2.5	18.9
167	120	Invergordon Dist	150	155 ●	-1	6.7	4.4	12.6
455	420	Mansfield	442	450	-1	15.3	3.4	11.6
218	185	Marston Thompson	215	218	–	5.6	2.6	17.6
400	352	Matthew Clark	393	400	–	18.0	4.5	13.6
303	240	Morland	276	305	–	8.8	3.0	14.3
675	558	SA Breweries	660	680	+82	–	–	–
409	338	Scot & New	367	370	+1	18.2	4.9	13.3
253	174	Vaux Group	228	235	-2	11.7	5.0	12.0
510	409	Whitbread 'A'	485	487	-3	20.4	4.2	13.6
13¼	13¼	Do 'B'	13	13¼	–	20.4	1.5	37.2
505	380	Wolverhmptn & D	492	498	-5	12.4	2.5	14.0
447	380	Young 'A'	405	425	–	16.0	3.9	19.7

BUILDING, ROADS

[illegible]

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

[illegible]

DRAPERY, STORES

[illegible]

ELECTRICALS

[illegible]

ELECTRICITY

[illegible]

FINANCE, LAND

[illegible]

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

[illegible]

FOODS

[illegible]

HOTELS, CATERERS

[illegible]

INDUSTRIALS A-D

[illegible]

E - K

[illegible]

L - R

[illegible]

S - Z

[illegible]

INSURANCE

[illegible]

Investment Trusts appear on Page 30

LEISURE

[illegible]

MINING

[illegible]

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

[illegible]

NEWSPAPERS, PUBLISHERS

[illegible]

OILS, GAS

[illegible]

PAPER, PRINT, ADVERTISING

[illegible]

PROPERTY

[illegible]

SHOES, LEATHER

[illegible]

TEXTILES

[illegible]

TOBACCOS

[illegible]

TRANSPORT

[illegible]

WATER

1991 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
314	261	Anglian Water	294	297	+6	20.4	5.7	8.3
330	263	Northumbrian	316	320	+4	27.4	[illegible]	4.8
318	257	North West	288	290	+4	21.0	5.8	7.6
303¼	231	Severn Trent	270	273	+6	16.6	5.8	[illegible]
303	239	Sthrn Water	265	270	+7	20.0	5.9	7.3
327	255	South West	[illegible]	292	+4	23.2	6.4	[illegible]
323	253	Thames Water	304	307	+6	21.4	5.7	8.2
356	272	Welsh Water	322	325	+3	22.4	5.7	8.4
365	285	Wessex Water	355	359	+1	20.3	4.6	8.2
328	264	Yorkshire Water	305	310	+6	20.6	5.4	8.1
£3130	£1000	Package Unit	£2985		+235			

● Ex dividend a Ex all b Forecast dividend e Interim payment passed f Price at suspension g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment k Pre-merger figures n Forecast earnings o Ex other r Ex rights s Ex scrip or share split t Tax-free .. No significant data.

- HEALTH COST
- FUND OFF TAR
- UNIT TRUSTS W

Governm

Bank on offers

Heated

مكبرا عن الاصل

- HEALTH COSTS SOAR 28
- FUND OFF TARGET 29
- UNIT TRUSTS WARNING 29

WEEKEND MONEY

Edited by Lindsay Cook

THE TIMES SATURDAY APRIL 27 1991

Fimbra fails to protect the elderly

COMMENT

LINDSAY COOK
WEEKEND MONEY EDITOR

Old people who face losing their homes are being fobbed off by the Financial Intermediaries, Managers and Brokers Regulatory Association (Fimbra). They were sold investment bonds by Fimbra members with loans raised on the value of their homes.

Now, when the home owners, whose debts are rising every month, complain to Fimbra they are told the regulator can do nothing. "We cannot ban our members from selling the products," a spokeswoman said, adding that the association had "expressed reservations" for more than a year.

More than 40 people have contacted Age Concern, the charity, seeking its help in their claims for compensation against Fimbra. Many more will not know who to turn to as their bond falls in value and interest payments build up. The charity argues that the bonds were never suitable investments for elderly people who had to put their homes at risk to release the money. It is not just with hindsight, after several years of volatile investment performance, high interest rates and falling house prices, that this argument can be put. Any half-decent financial adviser should have seen the risks long ago and made sure that pensioners were warned in the strongest terms.

It is not enough that the brochure for one such investment bond scheme had a paragraph stating that unit-linked investments can go down as well as up. Yet Fimbra officers investigating one of the complaints seemed to be satisfied the standard investment health warning was sufficient to alert one couple to the risks.

If Fimbra is really suggesting that the standard warning is all that is needed when persuading old people to put their home in jeopardy, then the standards it expects of its members are lower than even the most cynical expected.

More to the point, how can any adviser justify selling such a scheme to an elderly person? Even young people with plenty of time to make up for the vagaries of the markets should be cautious about releasing part of the value of their homes to put in an investment bond.

Fimbra and the Securities and Investments Board have tried to shift the responsibility for such warnings on to the solicitors who handle the conveyancing. As a rule of thumb, the person who earns the commission should take responsibility for making sure an investor understands the full implications.

In defending the actions of members, Fimbra told one elderly person: "The plan was especially designed for equity release and would therefore have been suitable." It added that the broker could not be held responsible for falling markets.

He ought to be held responsible for selling a scheme that can end in elderly clients losing their home and the investment in it. Information seems to be the last thing these salesmen and women want to give to potential clients.

At Weekend Money, we have heard from people considering taking out such a scheme who were unaware the bond was invested in the markets. They had understood from the sales pitch that the insurance bond would pay 17 per cent a year, in much the same way as an annuity paid an income. That may be naive, but a pensioner cannot be expected to understand complicated investment products.

Brokers should be obliged to explain them clearly.

Late rally

It is sad to see that individual investors are missing out on the 1991 stock market rally. Figures to be published next week by the Unit Trust Association will show another bumper month for sales. However, talk to almost any investment house and it will say the statistics are bolstered by the institutional investors and the main brokers.

Individual investors fought shy of the market during the Gulf conflict, and when it was over the rise in markets came too quickly for them. Now some are probably sitting on the sidelines wondering if they are too late.

The fear is that once again they will watch the returns others gain on privatisation issues and other equity investments and pile in just before the market collapses.

In the long-term, shares outperform building society and bank accounts. Now, as interest rates fall again, might be a time for small investors to have a look at equity investment.

The cautious way to do it is through a unit trust or investment trust savings plan putting money into a solid UK general fund.

Government criticism prompts action

Banks to cut back on easy credit offers for students

Lindsay Cook discovers the high street lenders are calling a halt to cheap loans

The easy credit that students have long expected as part of their banking packages is being cut back in response to government criticism.

Two of the main high street banks want to make students and young people more accountable. Their student packages, the first of which will be launched in two weeks, will no longer offer interest-free overdrafts and credit cards automatically to all those setting off to college and university this autumn.

Students will have to demonstrate their maturity and responsibility, to be allowed to go into the red on preferential terms. The change is the result of government criticism. In last year's Budget, John Major, the then Chancellor, criticised the banks for lending too easily.

He said: "I understand the distaste many people feel for the widespread marketing of credit that is so evident today and that is characterised by indiscriminate mailshots encouraging people to borrow. I believe financial institutions would be wise to reconsider their policy." He told the banks to tackle the problem in the code of banking practice.

The draft code, published in December, requires banks, when considering whether to lend, to take account of prior knowledge of their customers' financial affairs, information from credit reference agencies, information supplied by applicants and credit scoring. It states: "Particular attention will be paid to applications from young people for credit with the aim of preventing them from over-committing themselves."

In the past, banks have offered £300 overdrafts as of right. They have also included credit cards with loan limits of £250 in the packages. No credit checks were made. Typically, students owed the banks £351 at the end of their courses according to education department statistics.

Existing packages appear to contravene the code and have brought criticism from the parents of students. Many graduates from universities and colleges begin their working lives in debt and sometimes call on parents to help them out. In the late Eighties, some banks approached parents directly to clear student children's debts.

The favourable overdraft terms usually extend to the end of the year in which the studies finish to give time for the overdraft to be paid off. Recently, banks have required former students to clear the debts more quickly than some would have wanted.

Lloyds Bank is likely to be the first to announce it is taking a tougher line with students. Its package last year provided a guaranteed interest-free overdraft of up to £300, with a reduced interest rate of 1.2 per cent per month on further advances.

This was topped up with an "optional Access card with £250 credit limit, issued free during the study period". A Lloyds payment card with a £100 cheque guarantee limit and free banking, whether in credit or overdrawn, were part of the package that also included a free Eurocheque card.

At the time, Gordon Pell, assistant general manager, said: "Research shows that students particularly value the option of having an interest free overdraft, which has been extended this year to take into account increased living expenses."

This year, however, a spokeswoman said overdrafts would be available to students but they will not be automatic. Students wanting to borrow would have to discuss their needs with their branch. They would not receive an Access card "by right". The new attitude is influenced by the government's criticism of banks and public opinion, she said.

Barclays first offered credit cards and overdrafts as part of its student package in the early Eighties. Last year, for the first time, the £250 overdraft was interest-free. The bank will announce this year's package early in June and Jeremy Lasman, marketing manager for current account and card products, said it had not been finalised.

"We would like to present ourselves as responsible lenders. We would not want to encourage young customers, including students, to get into debt. But we are not saying they should not borrow," he said.

He continued: "Public opinion is very firmly against encouraging young people into debt. Yet our research shows that there is a very high expectation among students that they will get into debt, like it or not."

National Westminster Bank, which won 37 per cent of the student market last year, also offered an interest-free overdraft of £300 for the first year. This week, it would not say when its student package will be launched, but the bank does seem to have changed its attitude to overdrafts. A spokesman said it had never been policy to give automatic overdrafts to students. "Overdrafts and credit cards are at the discretion of branch managers," he said.

Midland Bank said its package would not be launched for a couple of months. Last year it offered £300 overdrafts to any students opening accounts.

The Royal Bank of Scotland said that credit had always been a central part of its package and it had no plans to change. A spokesman said: "We believe it is being realistic. Students need to be able to get an overdraft." He added that the bad debt statistics for student accounts were no different from those for other people of the same age who were working.

The government's student loan scheme, which came into operation last autumn, is open to all of the 630,000 students at colleges, polytechnics and universities.

Last month, it was revealed that less than 83,000 loans had been made.

NICK ROGERS

Budget timetable: students could suffer from the end of interest-free overdrafts

Code of practice will emphasise customers' rights

A SERIES of meetings between bank and consumer group representatives has begun to thrash out a revised code of banking practice that will emphasise the rights of customers (Lindsay Cook writes).

The first version attracted widespread criticism in more than 350 responses to the draft code published in December.

Respondents, including consumer organisations, felt it concentrated on spelling out the rights of the banks and building societies and not those of personal customers.

Such was the weight of opposition that large sections of the code are to be rewritten after detailed consultation with the Office of Fair Trading, National Consumer Council, Consumers' Association and Data Protection Registrar. If they cannot reach a consensus on how the code should be changed a second draft may go to public consultation.

The main areas of complaints were about the levying of bank charges without informing customers in advance and the passing of customer information to linked financial companies.

Trevor Blackler of National Westminster Bank, the chairman of the working party revising the code, said: "There was also a general impression that the code was too weighted towards the industry. We did not intend this. There are rights and obligations on both sides."

Speaking after a day-long session with the National Consumer Council this week, he said: "We really want to get to a consensus and a voluntary code. We want to flush out the concerns the consumer groups have and put the practicalities of some of the issues to them."

He added: "In a month or so we should know whether it will be possible to reach consensus or whether it is irreconcilable."

For example, he said, billing individual customers 14 days ahead of levying bank charges would be very expensive.

The code is hoped to be in place by the end of this year.

Heated complaints flood offices

By SARA MCCONNELL

ALL the main high street banks are receiving several hundred complaints a month about services. Predictably, unexpected charges on statements, problems with cashpoint machines and unsolicited direct mailings for life assurance products top the lists of all the banks.

Not all customers are concerned only with their own well-being. One TSB customer must have warmed staff hearts at one branch by suggesting the heating should be turned down so that female staff did not show so much cleavage.

Another TSB customer expressed concern for all left handed customers who found it difficult to fill in the cheque stubs because the cover of the cheque book gets in the way. The suggested solution was a cheque book with the cheque stubs on the right hand side. Meanwhile, some customers at Lloyds Bank complained when it deserted its traditional bright green cheque book covers in favour of grey.

Comments like this are light relief. There has been no let up in the increase of complaints about banking services, Chris Eadie, assistant banking ombudsman, said, although banks were taking complaints more seriously. "Many banks have formalised their complaints procedures. The increase in complaints is continuing but this does not indicate disquiet about banking practice, rather that more people know of the existence of the ombudsman."

Banks normally monitor the numbers of complaints when they reach head office and people who complain to their branch are not usually included in the statistics. Midland Bank said that it did not count branch complaints as complaints, although head office was aware an unspecified number of people had had problems with cashpoint machines and bank charges.

Midland said the number of complaints in these categories was due to the publicity generated by consumer groups and the banking ombudsman.

No need to be competitor sensitive
Ms Jones
GED

Barclays said 450 complaints a month reached its customer services unit from personal and business customers. Some of the 7 million personal customers prefer to complain to an impersonal voice at the other end of Barclays' freephone complaints line rather than destroy their relationship with their branch manager.

The bank had 150 complaints a month about the standards of service including errors on statements, mistakes with direct debits and standing orders and the attitudes of cashiers. Complaints about refused personal loans accounted for another 100 a month.

TSB said that its head office received 1,000 complaints a month from its 7 million customers but hoped that there would be fewer complaints about its charging structure now that this had been changed. Customers will no longer have to pay transaction charges if they go overdrawn, whether or not they ask but will be charged a monthly fee with no transaction charges. The level of the fee depends on whether the overdraft is authorised. Customers who are refused personal loans are also vocal complainers.

A TSB spokeswoman said complaints about direct mail were not significant. After a direct mailing to 2 million customers in January, only 2,000 had complained.

Some 25 per cent of the Royal Bank of Scotland customers' 100 monthly complaints are about mailshots. Between 30 and 35 per cent of complaints concerned errors in accounts. The bank also received a complaint about its exposure to Third World debt.

Lloyds reported 700 complaints a month from its 4.5 million customers. These ranged from wrongly debited standing orders to cash point problems and asking for explanations about charges and the time cheques took to clear.

National Westminster was unwilling to disclose the number of complaints it received every month, saying this information was sensitive.

AS INTEREST RATES AND INFLATION FALL...

Take a Stake in the Strengthening UK Stockmarket.

Is the Market on an Upturn?

The overall downward trend in interest rates and inflation is certainly good news for investors in the UK. A lowering of interest rates should have two benefits:

- *Lower interest rates can lead to an increase in consumer demand.*
- *Lower interest rates mean lower interest charges for companies and this can lead to healthier company profits.*

Already this year the UK stockmarket has moved ahead on positive news and we anticipate these encouraging signs could point the way to further growth.

Fidelity Special Situations Trust Lets You Capitalise on Today's Opportunities.

The key to successful investment in the UK is identifying the companies that offer the greatest growth prospects. For maximum long-term growth potential, look to a performance leader.

Fidelity Special Situations Trust, named Unit Trust of the Decade*, seeks out premium opportunities primarily amongst smaller and medium sized companies. Over the past year these types of stocks have been generally overlooked by investors and now represent excellent value. They are just the stocks which should benefit from a resurgence in the UK.

You can invest in Special Situations Trust Tax-Free through the 1991/92 FIDELITY PEP

Talk To Fidelity Today!

For further information about how **Fidelity Special Situations Trust** can fit into your portfolio and details about the 1991/92 Fidelity PEP, talk to your Independent Financial Adviser, Callfree ***Fidelity InvestorLine*** on 0800 414191 (our representatives are available from 9am to 9pm, today and every day), or return the coupon.

Past performance is no guarantee of future returns. The value of units in Unit Trusts and PEPs and the income from them may go down as well as up and the investor may not get back the amount invested. Tax assumptions will depend on individual circumstances and are subject to statutory change. Issued by Fidelity Investment Services Limited, a member of IMRO, LAUTRO and the UTA. The Fidelity PEP is offered by Fidelity Nominees Limited a member of IMRO.
*Source: Micropal, offer to bid, net income reinvested. 1/1/80 to 1/1/90. 5 year performance from 1/4/86 to 1/4/91 Fidelity Special Situations Trust: +90.5%.

Unit Trusts - investment made simple

Call your Independent Financial Adviser ☎ Callfree Fidelity 0800 414191

To Fidelity Investments, PO Box 88, Tonbridge, Kent TN11 9DZ.
Please send me details of: Fidelity Special Situations Trust ☐
The Fidelity PEP. ☐ (Please tick box)
Full Name Mr/Mrs/Miss ____________
(Block letters please)
Address ____________
____
Postcode ________ Tel. No. ________ (So that we may call you to answer any questions you may have.)
Ref Code T315

Fidelity Investments

BRIEFINGS

FIXED rate and capped mortgages were launched by several banks and building societies this week to tempt borrowers to lock into lower interest rates. National Westminster Bank is offering endowment or pension mortgages fixed for two years at 11.75 per cent from May 1. There is an arrangement fee of £150 and the minimum mortgage is £15,000. The bank is also cutting mortgage rates to 12.95 per cent for new borrowers from May 1 and from June 1 for existing borrowers.

☐ BARCLAYS' capped mortgage rate of 11.45 per cent is guaranteed until the end of next April. If the bank's standard variable rate falls below 11.45 per cent, borrowers will also benefit from the lower rate. Borrowers can take out mortgages fixed at 11.45 per cent until April 1993 or April 1994. There is an arrangement fee of £195 and borrowers have to take out an endowment or pension to cover the loan.

☐ THE National & Provincial Building Society is introducing a cap and collar mortgage, the Protected Rate Mortgage, with a maximum rate of 11.95 per cent and a minimum of 10.55 per cent until the end of December 1993. Borrowers can choose a repayment, endowment or pension mortgage. N & P's new mortage rate will be 12.95 per cent from April 29 for new borrowers and from May 17 for existing borrowers.

☐ THE new mortgage from Chase de Vere Home Loans is for borrowers of more than £150,000 and will be capped for a year at 10.95 per cent. The rate is then guaranteed to be below the standard variable rate for banks and building societies for five years. Up to 75 per cent of the property value can be borrowed.

☐ A NEW dealing service for private investors is being offered by the Hertfordshire Share Centre. Investors who open a share account will be able to place orders over the telephone and set dealing limits. Information on share prices and market movement reports is available over the telephone and there is a free enquiry line, 0800 800008. Commissions are £12.50 for deals of up to £1,000, 1.25 per cent for the first £2,000, 0.8 per cent for the next £3,000, 0.5 per cent for the next £5,000, and 0.25 per cent for anything above that.

☐ MOTORISTS will now be covered for call out and repair costs with Endsleigh Insurance's 24 hour Roadside Rescue service. Autocare Plus covers the cost of repairs, up to £30 of spare parts, accommodation of up to £50 each for the driver and five passengers and transports people home to anywhere in Britain.

Top up your company pension and enjoy your retirement

To get the maximum pension available you normally have to be in the same company pension scheme for 40 years.

Even if you only change your job once, your pension may suffer a considerable fall.

Change your job several times and you might find you don't even have enough to retire on.

With Equitable Life, you could make up the difference through free-standing Additional Voluntary Contributions – AVC's for short.

By making free-standing AVC contributions from your gross income you can top up your pension and look forward to retirement. Also through AVC's you currently receive tax relief at the highest rate which you pay.

Remember that the value of the tax relief available will depend on individual circumstances and that current legislation can change in the future.

In terms of premium income Equitable Life is the biggest provider of Corporate AVC's. It's very much the company that companies choose.

If you would like more information by post and by telephone call Aylesbury (0296) 26226 or return the coupon below.

The more you put into your pension, the more you'll get out of retirement.

MEMBER OF LAUTRO

THE EQUITABLE LIFE, FREEPOST, WALTON STREET, AYLESBURY, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE HP21 7BR

To: The Equitable Life, FREEPOST, Walton Street, AYLESBURY, Bucks HP21 7BR
I would welcome information on the Equitable's free-standing AVC plans ☐ BVAIG
NAME (Mr/Mrs/Miss)
ADDRESS
Postcode Tel: (Office)
Date of Birth Tel: (Home)

Founded 1762

The Equitable Life

Before you look to your future, look to our past.

Portfolio PLATINUM

For readers who may have missed a copy of *The Times* this week, we repeat below the week's *Portfolio* price changes (today's are on page 26).

Share No	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Weekly Total
1	+7	+1	+7	+2	+2		
2	+6	+2	+1	+3	+2		
3	+7	+1	+2	+3	+3		
4	+7	+1	+7	+3	+3		
5	+5	+2	+3	+2	+4		
6	+5	+1	+2	+5	+2		
7	+4	+2	+3	+1	+8		
8	+7	+1	+6	+2	+3		
9	+7	+2	+3	+3	+4		
10	+5	+2	+4	+2	+7		
11	+5	+1	+4	+1	+6		
12	+5	+1	+2	+1	+5		
13	+5	+2	+5	+1	+5		
14	+6	+3	+3	+4	+3		
15	+9	+1	+8	+3	+4		
16	+6	+1	+3	+2	+3		
17	+7	+1	+6	+2	+4		
18	+7	+1	+4	+2	+4		
19	+4	+2	+3	+3	+1		
20	+6	+1	+8	+3	+2		
21	+6	+1	+3	+1	+3		
22	+5	+2	+3	+4	+3		
23	+4	+4	+3	+1	+6		
24	+4	+1	+1	+3	+2		
25	+8	+2	+7	+2	+4		
26	+5	+1	+4	+2	+5		
27	+6	+3	+5	+1	+6		
28	+4	+3	+2	+5	+3		
29	+8	+2	+6	+1	+2		
30	+5	+3	+1	+3	+1		
31	+5	+1	+3	+2	+5		
32	+6	+2	+2	+5	+2		
33	+5	+3	+4	+1	+5		
34	+6	+1	+7	+2	+1		
35	+7	+2	+6	+2	+2		
36	+7	+2	+5	+1	+6		
37	+5	+2	+2	+4	+1		
38	+4	+1	+4	+1	+5		
39	+6	+2	+2	+1	+4		
40	+4	+2	+4	+1	+6		
41	+6	+1	+7	+2	+1		
42	+6	+1	+4	+3	+4		
43	+6	+1	+4	+3	+5		
44	+4	+1	+1	+3	+2		

LOWER INTEREST RATES.

WILL YOUR INCOME SUFFER?

Find out by ringing our free Moneyline from 9.00 a.m. – 5.30 p.m., 7 days a week, on

0800 282 101

SAVE & PROSPER

THE INVESTMENT HOUSE

INVESTING IN THE RIGHT PLACE AT THE RIGHT TIME IS NOT EASY

...OR IS IT?

Consider these facts

From 1st April 1990 to 31st March 1991

The U.K. market was up 11.3%

The US market was up 15.8%

The Japanese market was down 19.1%

FALCON ACTIVE MANAGEMENT UP 39%

The Falcon Active Management System is an ingenious way to produce exceptional returns on investment capital in gilt-edged stocks and shares. Our daily world-wide management system produced a 39% return (basic rate tax paid) from 1st April 90 to 31st March 1991

For further details of this investment opportunity write to: Falcon Group Plc, Freepost, Falcon House, 41, Triangle West, Clifton, Bristol, BS8 1ER Tel: 0272-291012

The value of your investments can go down as well as up. Past performance is no guarantee of future performance. Growth rate calculated on an bid to bid basis

FALCON GROUP PLC

FIMBRA

TJT

Health cover premiums could rise by up to 20%

PRIVATE medical insurance subscriptions for individuals and companies could rise by as much as 20 per cent this year to absorb the sharply rising levels of medical inflation and a surge in the number of claims. Insurers estimate that medical costs have risen by between 15 and 20 per cent over the past year.

Mike Williams, marketing manager of Orion Healthcare, said: "It is a fact of life that premiums are likely to go up when reviewed.

"Medical inflation is running at about 15 per cent more than last year. The constituent parts of this are normal inflation, and overheads such as medical staff salaries and hospital costs. There has been a lot of talk about high hospital costs and this is an area we need to check carefully."

The two largest medical insurers, the British United Provident Assocation (Bupa) and Private Patients Plan (PPP), review their subscriptions twice a year in January and July. In January, Bupa raised the cost of its individual Bupacare plan by 8 per cent and added 11 per cent to its Company Care plan for company subscribers.

Bupa is bringing forward its review of company subscriptions to next month and could announce an annual increase of up to 20 per cent because of the high incidence of claims.

Individual customers are expected to face similar increases. They will feel the combined effect of the two increases when they renew their subscriptions. Between January last year and January this year there was a rise of 16 per cent.

A Bupa spokeswoman said: "Medical inflation is higher than general inflation and there has been an increase in the number of claims. We are looking forward to what we think costs will be in the next six months when we review subscriptions."

PPP has not yet started to review its rates for July. Christopher Johnson, general manager of strategic communications, said that subscriptions would not necessarily rise when rates are reassessed in July. Some rates were increased in January but subscriptions had not been increased across the board.

Other companies, including Western Provident Association, the third largest medical insurer, and Orion Healthcare, increased rates this month.

Mr Williams, of Orion, said individuals had faced a cumulative increase of 13 per cent over the past two reviews.

A single man, aged 40, with an Orion Healthcare Individual Plan, with access to all hospitals, including London teaching hospitals, will now be paying £38.85 a month instead of £34.40 a month after the latest increase. Policyholders will feel the effect of the increase at the annual renewal.

Western Provident Association only reviews rates on its subscriptions once a year, on April 1. Subscriptions were increased on its range of four health care plans, Oak, Cedar, Chestnut and Spruce, by 8.5 per cent. Subscribers to the Beech and Walnut plans, WPA's schemes for the over-sixties, rose by 14 per cent.

A single subscriber to the Cedar scheme, aged 40, in Area 1 with access to the most expensive teaching hospitals, will now be paying £468.60 a year instead of £431.20. A 60-year-old in Area 1 subscribing to the Beech scheme has had his subscription increased to £505.72 net from £435.30 net.

☐ PPP will be offering insurance policies to cover the cost of long stay care in a residential or nursing home through a newly formed company, PPP Lifetime.

Mr Johnson, said the company hoped to have policies ready for sale next year. He said it was not clear how the policies would be structured but expected the emphasis would be on starting to build up a fund to meet the cost of long stay care when policyholders were in their forties or fifties.

Eagle Star last month introduced a long stay care scheme based on using the value of an elderly person's property to fund a series of tax free, guaranteed payments through endowment policies. Other insurers including Commercial Union are also intending to introduce schemes this year.

SARA McCONNELL

Britannia's current account adds interest

THE Britannia Building Society will launch its first interest bearing current account, React 365, at the end of next month (Sara McConnell writes).

Customers will receive a plastic card that will serve as a debit and cashpoint card and guarantee cheques up to £100. Britannia has joined the Switch debit network and customers will be able to draw up to £250 a day from cashpoint machines on the Link network. People can opt for a cheque book if they prefer. Cheques and other transactions will be cleared through the National Westminster Bank. Graham Fleet, deputy general manager at the Britannia, said cheques written on a React 365 account should clear in three days.

The account pays 7.85 per cent net (10.47 per cent gross) on credit balances and will not charge for transactions or temporary overdrafts of a few days a month. After that, authorised overdrafts will be charged at 19.9 per cent APR and unauthorised overdrafts at 29.97 per cent APR. People will be able to organise overdrafts by telephone with Britannia's Customer Careline.

Child injury insurance launched

A CHILDREN'S injury insurance was launched this week that will pay out up to £100,000 if a child is permanently disabled.

Firstcover from Cigna, an American insurer, will also pay £25 for each day a child is in hospital.

The company has provided personal injury plans to children at private schools in Britain since 1980. The new policies cost £3 a month for one child and £5 to cover all the children in the family. Payments can be doubled for £4.50 a month for a single child or £7 for all the children.

INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL ADVICE. WHAT HAVE YOU GOT TO GAIN?

☐ An expert option. ☐ An unbiased point of view.
☐ Choice from a wide range of financial products.
☐ Help in selecting the solution that fits you.
☐ An initial consultation which is usually free.

To gain all the above, all you need is an Independent Financial Adviser. To help you find the right one for you, we've put together a pack, consisting of a booklet about the benefits of financial advice that's independent, a checklist of things to look out for when choosing an adviser and a list of independent financial advisers near you.

To get your information pack about financial advice that's independent, phone 081-200 3000 today, or complete and send the coupon below.

INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL ADVISER

To: IFA Promotion Limited, The IFAP Centre, Colindeep Lane, London NW9 6BW.
Please send me a list of ten independent financial advisers, convenient to my home or work address, below.
WE GUARANTEE THAT NO SALESMAN WILL CALL OR PHONE YOU AS A RESULT OF THIS COUPON.
NAME
ADDRESS
Home or work, according to which is more convenient
PLEASE STATE POSTCODE
TI 42

INDEPENDENT

TAX-FREE INVESTMENT IN FAMOUS BRITISH COMPANIES

1 INITIAL PLAN CHARGE HALVED 2

Save & Prosper's Managed Portfolio Personal Equity Plan enables you to invest up to £6,000 (a couple can invest £6,000 each) in famous British companies and not have to pay a penny in tax on the stock market returns.

- And, for investors opening a new 1991/92 PEP, Save & Prosper has halved the initial plan charge to just 0.75% – that's a saving of up to £54 – for all lump-sum applications received by 31st May 1991.
- Our Managed Portfolio PEP gives you a ready-made portfolio which, as you can see from the current holdings, is truly blue chip.

Abbey National	**Glaxo**	**Inchcape**
British Petroleum	**Grand Metropolitan**	**RTZ**
Cadbury Schweppes	**Hanson**	**Ranks Hovis McDougall**
Commercial Union	**ICI**	**Trusthouse Forte**

- Your investment is actively managed by our experts, to take advantage of changing market opportunities.
- With interest rates and inflation set to fall, we believe that now could be a good time to invest in the shares of UK companies. Start your 1991/92 PEP now and take full advantage of the reduced initial plan charge offer during April and May.

For details talk to your financial adviser, post the coupon or ring us free on 0800 282 101 – now.

CALL FREE 0800 282 101

9.00 a.m. – 5.30 p.m. ● 7 DAYS A WEEK

PEP

[illegible] Prosper [illegible] Romford [illegible]
Please [illegible] details [illegible] Prosper's Managed [illegible] PEP.
[illegible]name [illegible]
Mr/Mrs/Miss
Address
Postcode

THE PRICE OF INVESTMENTS AND THE INCOME FROM THEM MAY GO DOWN AS WELL AS UP. TAX CONCESSIONS ARE SUBJECT TO STATUTORY CHANGE. SAVE & PROSPER GROUP LTD. IS A MEMBER OF IMRO AND LAUTRO.

SAVE & PROSPER

THE INVESTMENT HOUSE

هكذا عن الأصل

هكذا في الأصل

Property fund misses target for investors

By LINDSAY COOK
MONEY EDITOR

TWO investors dissatisfied with the performance of the Target Property Fund have called on the trade and industry department (DTI) to investigate some of its property deals. The investors, from Devon and Wiltshire, are also considering suing Target.

The investors are unhappy about many of the deals done by the fund, which specialised in what it describes as "prime property investments with first class tenants".

The fund bought offices in Nottingham for £40,666 in 1973 and sold them eight years later for £28,000 and a shop bought for £36,258 in 1973 was sold for £20,000 in 1980. According to a list of transactions supplied by Target, 13 of the 81 properties bought and later sold in the Eighties involved losses.

Target also claims that it was unable to take full advantage of the rise in retail property values in the Eighties as it attracted too much money from brokers. At times 50 per cent of the fund was in cash.

Allan Miles, manager of Target's claims department, explained to Graeme Potter, one of the complainants, of Corsham, Wiltshire, that Target did not use the money supplied by broker-managed funds to buy property because this might cause problems with liquidity when brokers wanted to switch out of the fund.

Unlike unit trusts, which will shortly be able to invest directly in property, insurance funds are not restricted on the amount of cash they can hold. In a rising market, a large cash holding dilutes the performance of a fund.

Mr Potter invested £2,760 over ten years in the fund and when his policy matured last May he received £2,820. The following month, as "a gesture of goodwill", Target offered him an extra £465. Alan Newton of Bideford, Devon, the other investor who has complained to the DTI, paid £15 a month into the fund over 19 years, starting in 1971. When he started units were priced at £1.01. When he cashed in his holding in November he was paid £1.80 for each unit. Over the same period the Jones Lang Wootton index, which the fund hoped to match, increased 13 fold.

Poor returns: Graeme Potter made a profit of £60

Mr Potter said he was planning to employ a surveyor to retrospectively value some of the properties to try and find out if the fund had paid too much and sold for too little.

A Target spokesman said all the properties in the £7.2 million fund were valued monthly by Jones Lang Wootton and none were sold for less than this independent valuation.

A DTI spokeswoman said the secretary of state had the power to intervene if the performance of a fund did not meet the "reasonable expectations of the policyholders".

Trusts must warn of risks

By SARA McCONNELL

COMPANIES selling unit trusts investing in property, futures and options and warrants will have to give a warning to investors about the risk and volatility of these investments. They will not be allowed to sell geared futures and options unit trusts or warrant funds over the telephone.

The trusts are likely to be on sale in the latter half of the year.

The Life Assurance and Unit Trust Regulatory Organisation (Lautro) said that the risks would have to be explained to investors either in a written statement or through fund brochures.

Lautro said: "In the case of a property fund, it should be made clear that when investment is made in real property, such property cannot readily be sold when investors wish to encash their units. When the manager is unable to meet the encashment of units without resorting to the sale of properties which form part of the assets of the fund, this may affect the price at which the units will be redeemed.

"In the case of geared futures and options funds and warrant funds, clear information should be given to investors concerning the potential volatility of the fund. Where appropriate, it must be explained that there is a possibility that an investor may lose all or a substantial part of his money."

HAMPSHIRE Building Society

INTEREST RATE CHANGE

Interest on all Share, Bond and Deposit accounts will be reduced by 1.00% gross as from1st. May 1991.However the rate of interest on TESSA's remain unchanged.

HAMPSHIRE BUILDING SOCIETY
Anchor House, Kingston Crescent, .
Portsmouth PO2 8BX
Tel: (0705) 668911/5

EXCHANGE YOUR SHARES FOR UNIT TRUSTS

Ring our free Moneyline now to find out how.

0800 282 101

SAVE & PROSPER
THE INVESTMENT HOUSE

Many deposit accounts offer high interest rates today. AIB BANK GUARANTEES the same interest rate not just today but for each of the next five years.

The AIB Bank Fixed Rate Deposit Account

Allied Irish Bank, with its nationwide branch network in the UK, has developed the Fixed Rate Deposit Account for investors who prefer guaranteed returns – a fixed interest rate to guarantee you the following returns over 5 years:-

LIMITED OFFER UNTIL 31ST MAY 1991

Investment	10.75% Guaranteed Annual Gross Income	Guaranteed Gross Income Over 5 Years
£5,000 (min)	£537.50	£2,687.50
£10,000	£1,075.00	£5,375.00
£25,000	£2,687.50	£13,437.50
£50,000	£5,375.00	£26,875.00

10.75%* guaranteed for the next five years.

So for a single, fixed investment of £50,000, your Fixed Rate Deposit Account will guarantee a gross return of £26,875 over 5 years – no matter what happens to interest rates.

Your interest is paid to you annually. And, for emergency withdrawal, you may access up to 10% of your fixed rate investment.

To find out more now: Call us today on 0800 282115, or complete the Freepost coupon. This offer is only available until 31st May 1991.

FREEPHONE 0800 282115

AIB Bank
Individual Financial Solutions

Please return to: AIB Bank, Freepost, Bankcentre Britain, Belmont Road, Uxbridge UB8 1BR.

Please send me full details of AIB Bank's Fixed Rate Deposit Account.

NAME

ADDRESS

TM/27/D

POSTCODE TELEPHONE NO.

*Interest rate quoted gross before allowing for discharge of liability to basic rate tax. Non-taxpayers will be able to receive interest gross subject to completion of a form R85.

There is no setting up or management fee, but withdrawal or transfer requires 14 days notice and may incur loss of up to 180 days interest. AIB Bank is the service mark of Allied Irish Banks, p.l.c. Incorporated in Ireland, Registered Office, Bankcentre, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4. Registered in Ireland. Number 24173. Member of IMRO.

SEND US YOUR CERTIFICATES NOW!

You don't have to have £6,000 in cash to invest in a PEP. If you are a tax payer and you own shares or UK authorised unit trusts, they will attract Income Tax on the dividends you receive and you may incur Capital Gains Tax on any profits you realise in the future. But now you can exchange them, FREE of any broker charges, into TAXHAVEN, one of MIM Britannia's* top-selling TAX FREE PEPs. TAXHAVEN is a share PEP which invests directly into UK quoted shares. Your investment will be:-

* FREE from Income Tax on your dividends (even for higher rate tax payers).
* FREE from Capital Gains Tax.

You can invest from £2,000 up to a maximum of £6,000.

If you don't have the minimum required in existing shares or unit trusts, you can simply top up your investment with cash.

MIM BRITANNIA'S PEP SHARE EXCHANGE

We offer you the most flexible, cost effective share exchange scheme available, and it's completely FREE of all broker charges.

We don't mind taking any small odd-lots which you may have accumulated over the years and which could be very expensive for you to sell.

So, send us your share or unit holdings NOW and, large or small, we'll sell them for you and invest the proceeds into a TAX FREE PEP!

ACT NOW! Speak to your independent financial adviser or read the terms and conditions carefully and complete the application form below and return it TODAY, together with your certificates.

Remember, share prices and the income from them can go down as well as up and investors may not get back the amount they invested, particularly in the case of early surrender. Tax levels and reliefs are those currently applicable and may change. The value of any tax relief depends on personal circumstances.

*MIM Britannia is the business name of INVESCO MIM Management Limited, which is a member of IMRO and a subsidiary of INVESCO MIM PLC.

MIM BRITANNIA

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

SHARE EXCHANGE AND UNIT TRUST EXCHANGE PROCEDURES

Exchanging your share or unit trust holdings is a separate transaction from starting your TaxHaven Plan because your holdings have to be sold before your TaxHaven investment is made. We will accept any marketable UK shares or any certificated UK authorised unit trust holdings (which must be properly renounced). Please note we reserve the right to return unsaleable securities

Shares/units will normally be sold within two working days of receipt. You will receive a copy of the relevant contract note(s), together with stock transfer form(s), where appropriate, which you will need to sign and return to us as quickly as possible. You will receive a statement of all transactions with details of all business undertaken on your behalf.

The sale of shares and/or unit trusts is a disposal for Capital Gains Tax purposes. The annual personal exemption from Capital Gains Tax is currently £5,500 of net realised profits.

We will sell your total share/unit holding(s) in respect of all valid certificates attached to this application and return a cash balance (if appropriate) unless you instruct us otherwise. You may be requested to forward to the Plan Manager any dividends or letters concerning scrip or rights issues or any other benefits concerning the shareholding(s) following the change of ownership

TAXHAVEN TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. Definitions (i) "Investor" means the individual named in the Application Form as the applicant. (ii) "Plan" means the INVESCO MIM Management Ltd. Personal Equity Plan (PEP) taken out by the Investor and references to the Plan shall apply to all Plans established in accordance with these Terms and Conditions, separately. (iii) "Plan Manager" means INVESCO MIM Management Ltd. which has been approved by the Commissioners of the Inland Revenue to act as a plan manager and which is a member of the Investment Management Regulatory Organisation (IMRO) and as such the conduct of its investment business is regulated by IMRO. (iv) "Regulations" means the Personal Equity Plan Regulations issued by H.M. Treasury as amended from time to time. (v) "Tax Year" means the tax year from 6th April one year to 5th April in the next (vi) "Associated Company" means any holding company of the Plan Manager or a subsidiary of any such holding company (as such terms are defined in the Companies Act 1985).

2. General (i) INVESCO MIM Management Ltd. shall act as plan manager for the Investor in order to provide the benefits of a Personal Equity Plan in accordance with the Regulations and subject to these terms and conditions. (ii) Investors will not receive unsolicited calls from the Plan Manager. Applications will be acknowledged in writing by the Plan Manager. (iii) The Plan Manager reserves the right from time to time to amend the Terms and Conditions providing any amendment does not result in the Plan ceasing to qualify under the Regulations. The Plan Manager will notify the Investor in writing of any such changes. (iv) INVESCO MIM Management Ltd. is an authorised person under the Financial Services Act 1986. Details of compensation rights can be obtained from the Plan Manager's Compliance Officer or direct from the Securities and Investments Board. Any complaints should be referred, in writing, to the Head of Investor Services, INVESCO MIM Management Ltd. for investigation. Investors also have the right to complain directly to IMRO or the Investment Referee.

3. Investment (i) Investment in the Plan may be made with cash or cheques only. (ii) The Plan Manager will, where relevant, be entitled, without prior disclosure or reference to the Investor, to effect or arrange investments in which it, or an Associated Company may be interested including where the Plan Manager or an Associated Company has underwritten, managed or arranged an issue or offer for sale during the previous twelve months (iii) Distributions of income received within the Plan together with the appropriate tax credits will be retained within the Plan unless otherwise agreed with the Investor. (iv) Actual yields could vary from estimates due to changes in the amounts and timing of company dividends. Any initial yield should be regarded as an indication only. Income distributions on income paying PEPs will normally be made twice yearly on dates to be notified by the Plan Manager. Payment is expected to be within one month of the relevant distribution dates and may be subject to a minimum level of income available for distribution. The initial minimum figure is £10 (subject to change). (v) All investments held under the Plan will be held in the name of a designated nominee who will normally be an Associated Company of the Plan Manager. The Plan Manager will only accept liability for the negligence or default of third parties where they are Associated Companies. (vi) The Investor will be the beneficial owner of all investments held within the Plan. Documents evidencing title will be held by, or on behalf of, the Plan Manager (vii) The Plan Manager shall not be responsible for losses unless due to its negligence or wilful default.

4. Management (i) Pending investment or reinvestment, cash will be held in a Client Bank Account with the Royal Bank of Scotland Plc (or such other bank as the Plan Manager may from time to time nominate). Any cash held in the Plan will attract interest. (ii) Investors will be given an asset valuation and a statement of transactions as at the 5th April and 5th October or at such other dates as may be determined by the Plan Manager, in each case within twenty-five business days from the reporting date. Reports are not expected to include a measure of performance, but annually, will contain a statement of the reasons for the purchases, sales and holdings of investments. (iii) The Plan Manager will, if requested in writing, supply to the Investor copies of entries in its' books relating to the Investor and may make a charge for this service. (iv) Investments will not be lent by the Plan Manager to a third party. The Plan Manager will not commit the Investor to any underwriting or borrow on his behalf. (v) The Investor hereby warrants that he/she is and will remain the sole, unencumbered beneficial owner of the assets held under the Plan. (vi) If the tax-free element of the Scheme is withdrawn, the Plan will continue to be managed by the Plan Manager. New Terms and Conditions will be sent to Investors. (vii) Management fees may be supplemented but will not be abated by any other remuneration receivable by the Plan Manager in connection with transactions effected by the Plan Manager with or for the Investor under this or any other agreement. (viii) The Plan Manager may provide the Inland Revenue with all relevant particulars and certificates as may be required under the Regulations and may conduct appeals or agree on behalf of the Investor all liabilities to, and reliefs from, tax in respect of the Plan. (ix) The Plan Manager will have authority to manage the Plan in its absolute discretion, subject to the Regulations. It is the normal policy of the Plan Manager to keep the Plan fully invested in shares listed on the International Stock Exchange, although investments may also be made in authorised unit trusts. (x) Associated Companies may act as principal in dealings with the Investor and may select brokers (including Associated Companies) to deal in securities in such transactions. Such Associated Companies may retain all remunerations derived from such transactions and shall not be liable to account to the Investor for the same. (xi) The Plan Manager may transact business on behalf of the Investor with a person or persons who provide statistical research and other services to either the Plan Manager or any Associated Company, without payment to them of a fee. Any transaction with or through the agency of any such person will be effected for best execution, disregarding any benefit which might enure directly or indirectly to the Investor from these services or benefits under such an agreement. (xii) On request, and for an extra annual fee of £50 (+ VAT), you can receive company reports. (xiii) For an additional £50 (+ VAT) per annum you can attend shareholders' meetings and exercise your voting rights. (xiv) The Plan Manager will make an initial charge and an annual charge payable quarterly in arrear. The current initial charge is 5% and the current annual charge is 1½%. These fees may be varied by the Plan Manager on three months' notice. The Plan Manager will not levy charges for dealings within the Plan although brokerage or equivalent costs will be charged. VAT and stamp duty will be charged in addition if applicable.

5. Instructions, Termination of Plans and Withdrawal of Cash (i) The Investor by giving written notification to the Plan Manager may at any time:– (a) terminate the Plan; (b) withdraw in whole or part the market value of the assets at the current bid price, less brokerage, held under the Plan or; (c) transfer assets held under the Plan in each case subject to any retentions or deductions which the Plan Manager may be entitled or bound to make hereunder or under the Regulations. The Plan Manager will transfer the Plan to another plan manager if requested to do so in writing by the Investor. One month's notice will be required. At the discretion of the Plan Manager, the Plan may be kept open with a nominal sum in order to ensure that outstanding tax credits may be claimed from the Inland Revenue for the Investor's benefit. (ii) The Plan Manager will not release assets until an original written authority has been received from the investor. Photocopies and faxes are not normally acceptable. The Plan Manager will not normally accept instructions by telephone. (iii) Instructions to terminate the Plan after 1 p.m. on the last Thursday of the Stock Exchange's account period will not be actioned until the following Monday of the new account. Settlements to investors will therefore normally take place on the appropriate settlement day for the new account. (iv) Termination of the Plan shall be without prejudice to the completion of transactions within the Plan which have already been initiated. A retention may be made by the Plan Manager to cover such liabilities. (v) On death the plan will cease. All investments held under the Plan will be retained (although without the tax benefits of the Plan) pending instructions from the personal representatives of the deceased. (vi) The Investor must immediately notify the Plan Manager if he ceases to qualify under the Regulations when the Plan will, if appropriate, be terminated. The Plan Manager will notify the Investor if it becomes aware that the Plan has or will become void by reason of any failure to comply with the Regulations. (vii) The Plan Manager may terminate the Plan at any time if withdrawals reduce the value of any Plan below £1,000. (viii) Any instructions from the Investor to the Plan Manager are to be in writing addressed to PEP Administration, INVESCO MIM Management Ltd., 11 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YR. All instructions will be acknowledged. Instructions not in accordance with these Terms and Conditions may be refused. The Plan Manager shall be entitled to rely on all instructions purporting to come from the Investor.

6. Cooling-Off Rights No investment will take place until seven days after the Plan Manager receives the application at its registered address (the "Cooling-Off Period").

1991/92 TAXHAVEN APPLICATION FORM

Please complete in BLOCK CAPITALS and check that you have provided full accurate details before sending to: MIM Britannia, FREEPOST, 11 Devonshire Square, London EC2B 2TT.

OFFICE USE ONLY
A00064
100 110
100 119

1. INVESTMENT DETAILS
(Only one plan may be selected)
Please indicate your choice by ticking the relevant box. The minimum investment is £2,000 and the maximum is £6,352.50, which includes the Manager's initial charge of 5% plus VAT. Please make your cheque payable to INVESCO MIM Management Limited.
Taxhaven High Income (reinvested income) ☐
or Taxhaven High Income (distributed income) ☐
Please choose one of the following:
1) I wish to invest the proceeds of all share/unit sales plus £☐ (please send a separate cheque).
2) Please sell all my shares/units and invest the proceeds: Please tick ☐
3) Please sell all my shares/units and invest £☐
If you choose option 2 or 3, where the cash amount realised exceeds the required investment, the surplus will be returned to you. Where it is less than the required investment your Plan will be opened and you will be notified of the cash top-up requirement.

2. PERSONAL DETAILS
MIM PEP reference (if existing plan holder)
Title (Mr/Mrs/Ms/other)
Forenames
Surname
Permanent UK Address (a "care of" address cannot be accepted)
Postcode
Telephone Number
Date of Birth
National Insurance‡ Number or Pension Number
Tax District and reference (if known)

3. CHECKLIST
Enclosed cheque, where applicable, made payable to INVESCO MIM Management Ltd? ☐
Chosen investment amount? ☐
Completed all personal details including National Insurance/Pension Number? ☐

NOW PLEASE READ AND SIGN THE FOLLOWING DECLARATION

I apply for a TAXHAVEN Personal Equity Plan for the current tax year. I confirm that I have read and understood and agree to be bound by the Terms and Conditions. I declare that I am aged 18 or over, and I am a resident and ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom ('UK') for tax purposes or non-resident but performing duties which by virtue of section 132 (4) (a) of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988 are treated as being performed in the UK, and that I HAVE MADE NO OTHER APPLICATION TO SUBSCRIBE TO ANOTHER PERSONAL EQUITY PLAN FOR THE TAX YEAR TO WHICH THIS APPLICATION RELATES.

I authorise INVESCO MIM Management Ltd. to hold my cash subscription, Plan investments, interest, distributions and any other rights or proceeds in respect of these investments and any other cash and to make on my behalf any claims for relief from tax in respect of my Plan investments to the Inland Revenue. I authorise INVESCO MIM Management Ltd. as Plan Manager on my written request to transfer or pay to me, as the case may be, Plan investments, interest, distributions, rights or other proceeds in respect of such investments or cash. Where our share exchange scheme is used, Plans will not be started until the proceeds of all share and/or unit sales have been received. Any cash sent, together with the proceeds of any part disposals, will be retained in a client bank account until all proceeds have been received. No interest will be paid on sums so held, nor on sums held by INVESCO MIM Management Ltd during the statutory seven day cooling off period. Accordingly, you will not receive the benefit of the Client Money Rules governing payment of interest. Any interest arising in the client money account will be used by INVESCO MIM Management Ltd to defray its expenses in operating the share and unit trust exchange for which no charge is made to you.

I declare that the information given in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and that I will inform INVESCO MIM Management Ltd. without delay of any change in my circumstances affecting any of the information given on the form.

Signature ______ Date ______

‡ Inland Revenue PEP regulations mean that we cannot accept this application without your National Insurance number or Pension number. Your National Insurance number can be found on your payslip, your tax return, your tax code notice or from your employer's personnel department.

THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

[illegible]

The prices in this section reflect Thursday's trading

** Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return) ● Ex dividend. c Cum dividend. k Cum stock split. s Ex stock split. m Cum all (any two or more of above). a Ex all (any two or more of above). Dealing or valuation days: (1) Monday. (2) Tuesday. (3) Wednesday. (4) Thursday. (5) Friday.

UNLISTED SECURITIES

[illegible]

● Ex dividend a Ex all b Forecast dividend e Interim payment passed f Price at suspension g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment k Pre-merger figures n Forecast earnings o Ex other r Ex rights s Ex scrip or share split t Tax-free .. No significant data.

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

[illegible]

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was same at 90.8 (day's range 90.7-90.9).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Apr 26	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
New Yrk	1.6835-1.6920	1.6835-1.6845	0.83-0.81pr	2.32-2.30pr
Montrl	1.9396-1.9517	1.9396-1.9432	0.42-0.38pr	0.79-0.72pr
Amstrdm	3.3249-3.3325	3.3249-3.3286	⅜-⅛pr	2⅛-1⅞pr
Brussels	60.61-60.87	60.61-60.81	16-12pr	43-34pr
Copnhgn	11.2660-11.3095	11.2660-11.2695	1⅞-1⅝pr	5-4⅝pr
Dublin	1.1048-1.1085	1.1048-1.1058	23-17pr	60-50pr
Frankft	2.9520-2.9593	2.9520-2.9555	⅜-⅜pr	1⅝-1⅞pr
Lisbon	253.28-254.52	253.28-254.28	19-60ds	68-172ds
Madrid	181.28-182.43	181.82-182.43	30-35ds	67-79ds
Milan	2178.43-2186.21	2180.97-2185.84	1pr-1ds	2-1pr
Oslo	11.4427-11.5021	11.4427-11.4684	1⅜-1pr	4⅜-4pr
Paris	9.9583-9.9833	9.9630-9.9773	2-1⅞pr	5⅞-5⅜pr
Stckhlm	10.5067-10.5526	10.5067-10.5296	⅜-⅜ds	1-1⅛ds
Tokyo	232.58-233.58	232.58-232.88	⅜-⅜pr	2⅜-2pr
Vienna	20.75-20.81	20.76-20.79	5⅜-4⅜pr	14⅜-12⅜pr
Zurich	2.4649-2.4982	2.4891-2.4931	⅜-⅛pr	2-1⅞pr

Source: Extel Premium = pr. Discount = ds.

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	16786-16810
Australia dollar	2.1695-2.1728
Bahrain dinar	0.635-0.643
Brazil cruzeiro *	434.64-437.30
Cyprus pound	0.80-0.81
Finland marka	6.855-6.915
Greece drachma	318.65-321.85
Hong Kong dollar	13.1725-13.1821
India rupee	34.08-34.48
Kuwait dinar KD	n/a
Malaysia ringgit	4.6587-4.6690
Mexico peso	5025-5125
New Zealand dollar	2.8815-2.8882
Saudi Arabia riyal	6.32-6.40
Singapore dollar	2.9963-2.9999
S Africa rand (fin)	5.6048-5.7028
S Africa rand (com)	4.7033-4.7146
U A E dirham	6.1875-6.2675

Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.5250-1.5265
Singapore	1.7730-1.7740
Malaysia	2.7565-2.7575
Australia	1.2845-1.2855
Canada	1.1515-1.1520
Sweden	6.2260-6.2330
Norway	6.7925-6.7975
Denmark	6.6790-6.6840
W Germany	1.7510-1.7520
Switzerland	1.4740-1.4750
Netherlands	1.9700-1.9710
France	5.8975-5.9025
Japan	138.05-138.15
Italy	1292.0-1293.0
Belgium (Com)	35.95-36.00
Hong Kong	7.7944-7.7954
Portugal	150.30-150.50
Spain	107.80-107.90
Austria	12.28-12.30

TREASURY BILLS: Applctn: £1,495m allotted: £500m; Bids: £97.21 % received: 18%; Last week: £97.21 % received: 61%; Avge rate: £11.1700% last wk £11.1808%; Next week: £500m.

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 12 Finance Hse 13

Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 11⅞ Low 11⅞ Week fixed: 11⅞

Treasury Bills (Dis): Buying: 2 mth 11⁷⁄₁₆ ; 3 mth 11⁵⁄₁₆ . Selling: 2 mth 11⁵⁄₁₆ ; 3 mth: 11³⁄₁₆ .

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	11¹⁷⁄₃₂-¹⁵⁄₃₂	11¹³⁄₃₂-11⁷⁄₁₆	11⁵⁄₁₆-11⅛	10³¹⁄₃₂-10⅞	
Trade Bills (Dis):	12³⁄₃₂	12³⁄₃₂	11¹⁵⁄₁₆	11¹⁷⁄₃₂	
Interbank:	11⅞-11²⁷⁄₃₂	11⅞-11⅞	11²⁵⁄₃₂-11⅞	11⅞-11⁹⁄₁₆	11⁷⁄₁₆-11⅞
(Overnight: open 12 , close 14⅞.					
Local Authority Deps:	11⅞	n/a	11⅞	11⅞	11⁹⁄₁₆
Sterling CDs:	11⅞-11¹³⁄₁₆	11¹³⁄₁₆-11⅞	11⅞-11¹¹⁄₁₆	11¹⁷⁄₃₂-11⅞	11⁷⁄₁₆-⁵⁄₁₆
Dollar CDs:	6.05-6.00	6.10-6.05	6.12-6.07	6.25-6.20	6.68-6.63
Building Society CDs:	11²⁹⁄₃₂-²⁷⁄₃₂	11⅞-11¹³⁄₁₆	11²³⁄₃₂-11⅞	11⅞-11⁹⁄₁₆	11⁷⁄₁₆-⁵⁄₁₆

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	6¹⁄₁₆-5¹⁵⁄₁₆	6¹⁄₁₆-5⅞	6³⁄₁₆-6	6⅜-6³⁄₁₆	6⅛-5⅞
Deutschemark:	8⅞-8⅞	8¹⁵⁄₁₆-¹³⁄₁₆	9⅛-9	9⅜-9⅛	8⅞-7⅞
French Franc:	9¹¹⁄₁₆-9⁹⁄₁₆	9⅞-9⅞	9⅞-9⅞	9⁷⁄₁₆-9⁵⁄₁₆	9⅞-8⅞
Swiss Franc:	8⅞-8⅞	8⁹⁄₁₆-8⁷⁄₁₆	8⁹⁄₁₆-8⁷⁄₁₆	8⁹⁄₁₆-8⁷⁄₁₆	8-7
Yen:	8⅞-8⅞	8⅞-8⅞	8¹⁄₁₆-7¹⁵⁄₁₆	7⅞-7⅞	7⅞-6⅞

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $353.50-354.00 Close: $353.70-354.20 High: $355.70-356.20 Low: $353.25-353.75 Krugerrand: $353.25-354.25 (£209.25-210.25)

Sovereigns: Old $84.00-85.00 (£49.50-50.00) New $83.00-84.00 (£48.50-49.50)

Platinum: $380.25 (£230.20) Silver: $3.93 (£2.325) Palladium: $101.75 (£60.15)

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100 Previous open interest: 28177	Jun 91	2505.0	2512.0	2490.0	2491.0	3081
	Sep 91				2533.5	0
	Dec 91	2592.0	2592.0	2592.0	2577.0	30
Three Month Sterling Previous open interest: 128244	Jun 91	88.84	88.87	88.80	88.82	7863
	Sep 91	89.26	89.26	89.21	89.22	1665
	Dec 91	89.51	89.52	89.47	89.48	543
Three Month Eurodollar Previous open interest: 34281	Jun 91	93.74	93.75	93.70	93.74	2887
	Sep 91	93.46	93.45	93.40	93.44	1279
Three Month Euro DM Previous open interest: 112825	Jun 91	90.70	90.73	90.69	90.71	6936
	Sep 91	90.82	90.84	90.80	90.81	3668
US Treasury Bond Previous open interest: 6348	Jun 91	96-00	96-02	95-09	95-18	1288
	Sep 91	94-22	94-22	94-22	94-27	100
Long Gilt Previous open interest: 30986	Jun 91	92-09	92-09	91-07	91-15	15826
	Sep 91	92-18	92-18	91-26	91-25	25
Japanese Govt Bond	Jun 91	95.50	95.54	95.48	95.51	384
	Sep 91				95.82	0
German Govt Bond Previous open interest: 77382	Jun 91	85.31	85.39	85.14	85.19	24819
	Sep 91	85.61	85.61	85.43	85.44	463
Three month ECU Previous open interest: 2715	Jun 91	90.59	90.59	90.51	90.61	181
	Sep 91	90.70	90.70	90.66	90.65	140

COMMODITIES

LONDON FOX

COCOA		COFFEE		SUGAR (FOB) C Czarnikow	
May	615-614	May	539-537	May	184.0-79.2
Jul	645-645	Jul	567-566	Aug	189.4-78.2
Sep	675-674	Sep	590-589	Oct	179.8-77.0
Dec	708-707	Nov	610-605	Dec	181.8-74.8
Mar	737-736	Jan	630-624	Mar	177.0-76.6
May	757-756	Mar	645-644	May	179.0-70.0
Vol: 12060		Vol: 6914		Vol: 620	

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT Close (£/t)		BARLEY Close (£/t)		HI-PRO SOYA Close (£/t)	
May	137.85	May	118.00	Jun	130.5-29.5
Jun	139.25	Sep	108.30	Aug	132.0-30.0
Sep	111.40	Nov	111.60	Oct	135.0-33.0
Nov	114.35	Jan	114.75	Dec	140.0-37.0
Jan	117.50	Mar	117.50	Feb	144.0-40.0
Vol:	219	Vol:	12	Vol:	115

LONDON POTATO FUTURES Volume: 110

	Open	Close
May (£/tonne)	141.0	140.1
Sep	82.5	81.5
Oct	80.0	80.0

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on April 26

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	94.00	216.56	112.96
(+/-)	+6.45	-8.50	+0.73
Eng/Wales:	94.00	218.47	111.36
(+/-)	+6.45	-8.98	+0.37
(%)	-20.4	-17.8	-35.0
Scotland:	n/a	197.01	117.01
(+/-)	n/a	-24.78	-1.12
(%)	n/a	-33.0	+20.0

* Estimated dead carcase weight

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (£/kg)

Apr	
Open:	unq
Close:	112.3
May	
Open:	unq
Close:	118.5
Jun	
Open:	unq
Close:	119.5

Volume: 284

LONDON OIL REPORTS (ICIS-LOR) - London 6.00pm: The day ended on the same flat note which had been experienced all week.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	19.65	+0.05
Brent 15 day (May)	19.80	-0.05
Brent 15 day (Jun)	19.50	+0.05
W Texas Intermediate (Jun)	21.10	+0.05
W Texas Intermediate (Jul)	20.85	+0.05

PRODUCTS (Buy/sell $/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	237 (-4)	242 (-3)
Gasoil EEC	180 (-6)	182 (-5)
Non EEC 1H Jun	176 (-3)	178 (-3)
Non EEC 1H Jul	175 (-2)	176 (-3)
3.5 Fuel Oil	88 (n/c)	89 (n/c)
Naphtha	205 (-2)	206 (-2)

IPE FUTURES
GAS OIL

May	178.00 BID	Sep	175.50-74.25
Jun	172.85 BID	Oct	177.50-76.50
Jul	171.50-71.00	Nov	179.00-77.25
Aug	173.50 SLR		Vol: 7066

BRENT

May	19.75-19.85	Jul	19.10-19.20
Jun	19.40-19.45		Vol: n/a

BIFFEX
GNI Freight Futures Dry Cargo ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Apr 91	1630	1620	1630
May 91	1625	1615	1620
Jul 91	1285	1275	1285
Oct 91	1380	1370	1380

Vol: 300 lots Open interest: 3120
Dry cargo index 1630 same

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE (Official) (Volume prev day)

	Cash	3mth	Rudolf Wolff
Copper Gde A (£/tonne)	1473.0-1474.0	1442.0-1443.0	Vol: 348100
Lead (£/tonne)	344.00-344.50	346.00-348.50	4875
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1149.0-1150.0	1157.0-1158.0	505475
Tin ($/tonne)	5865.0-5875.0	5910.0-5920.0	25512
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1349.0-1350.0	1381.0-1382.0	460125
Nickel ($/tonne)	9005.0-9010.0	9000.0-9005.0	8525

FOX MGMI INDEX (5pm prices)

	Bid	Offer
May	149.50	150.50
Jun	148.90	149.70
Jul	unq	unq

Vol: 290

THE TIMES SATUR

Lond Rug thei

[illegible]

FOOTBALL

Barclays League
Second division

Third division

Fourth division

GM Vauxhall Conference

To Place Your Advertis
Trade: 071-481
Private: 071-481

TRAVEL AB

Enjoy a Beach Club break in Greece as a couple. For the price of a single. (From only £149 for two complete holidays)
Mark
071-

EGYPT
Heathrow Weekly Departu
CAIRO 7N HOLIDAY
CAIRO + LUXOR 7N
CAIRO + RED SEA 7N
CAIRO + NILE CRUISE 14N
MOMBASA
7N LUXURY HOTEL H/B
SOLIMAN TRAVE
071 244
ABTA A3781

مكتب الاعلان

London Irish and Rugby draw on their experience

By David Hands, rugby correspondent

WHILE union presidents dispense the league silverware to Bath (at Saracens) and Neath today, the dogfight to join the elite of England and Wales goes on. Four clubs challenge for promotion from the second division of the Courage Clubs Championship while three seek to join Newport in elevation from the Heineken League's first division.

Realistically, Rugby and London Irish are the favoured candidates in England: a draw, against Newcastle Gosforth and Richmond respectively, would be enough for both clubs. Should they both lose, and Coventry and Wakefield win against Sale and Plymouth Albion, then points difference will decide.

However, if Rugby do win, it will be the climax to a remarkable four-year campaign in which they have risen from what was, in 1987, area league north to the first division; an example of self-help from a club which, for all its famous name, was becoming increasingly moribund during the 1970s.

London Irish, on the other hand, have always been there or thereabouts without suggesting they have the necessary stability to hold down a first-division place. That, too, has changed. This afternoon they will be in full cry at Richmond, who are the bottommost of four famous clubs threatened with descent to the third division.

Second division
Promotion zone

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rugby	11	9	0	2	227	138	18
London Irish	11	9	0	2	221	174	18
Wakefield	11	8	0	3	179	94	16
Coventry	11	8	0	3	156	106	16

Relegation zone

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Blackheath	11	3	0	8	119	186	6
Headingley	11	3	0	8	115	199	6
Plymouth Alb	11	3	0	8	114	201	6
Richmond	11	3	0	8	116	227	6

While the drama is being played out in the studio theatre, the seniors occupy the main stage with casts of varying strength: the Harlequins, mindful of their cup final a week today, field a second XV at Gloucester though Northampton, their opponents at Twickenham, choose approximately their best XV to play Rosslyn Park.

The philosophy of shielding the club first XV has only limited appeal and does scant credit to the paying customers at Kingsholm. However, Keith Richardson, the Gloucester coach, understands the attitude and Harlequins might point to the league result they achieved at Leicester with a not dissimilar XV.

In Wales, Maesteg, who hardly fancied their chances earlier this season, are well placed to join Newport in what is the premier division this season but will be, next season, the first division — if you follow — since the league will opt for the straightforward nomenclature of first, second, third and fourth national divisions.

Maesteg beat Ebbw Vale 32-6 earlier this week to go second and play the same opponents today. Their nearest rivals, South Wales Police and Aberavon, play each other but even if the Police win, Maesteg — assuming a second victory over Ebbw Vale — are protected by a substantial try count, which will be the determining factor.

First division
Promotion zone

	P	W	D	L	Tr	F	A	Pts
Newport	13	12	0	1	79	472	95	24
Maesteg	13	9	0	4	45	243	145	18
S W Police	13	9	0	4	38	247	155	18
Aberavon	13	8	0	5	45	289	176	16

Dodge's retirement is Leicester's huge loss

By David Hands

Dodge: the legs have had more than they can take

SOME players create an instant impact the first time you see them; others filter their way into the public perception. Paul Dodge was a bit of both — he stood out, literally, for his size when he played first for Leicester at the age of 17, but the more you saw of him, the more you understood the variety of skills which made him such a valued player by his club and his country.

When he made his debut in Leicester's centre in 1975, it was an indifferent era in the club's fortunes. At that stage, his physique, 6ft 2in and 14½st, enabled him to survive the buffets of senior rugby when one or two talented contemporaries fell by the way.

That and his ball skills will still be admired by all those who make their way to the Reddings today to watch him in a competitive arena for the last time at Moseley's league game with Leicester. At 33, Dodge had decided that the legs (one of them broken in 1983) have had enough and he follows into retirement Les Cusworth and Clive Woodward, with whom he formed a supreme midfield for Leicester and, too seldom, for England.

He is the last of a club generation of huge distinction: Peter Wheeler, Alan Old, Robin Cowling, Gary Adey, Dusty Hare, Nick Youngs, Steve Redfern and the three midfield men all played international rugby between 1975 and 1985 before handing on the torch to Rory Underwood and Dean Richards. It is entirely typical of Dodge that, as he ranges back through a 16-year career which embraced a British Lions tour in 1980 and the captaincy of England in 1985, his first memory should be of club occasions.

"Our cup wins three years on the trot. That was a great team to play in, a side that could do most things, a time when you could go out and play as you wanted." The comment is made more poignant by England's failure to use Dodge to best advantage, for his size and strength and ability to kick the ball a long way rather than his handling.

As an untutored teenager, Dodge probably played as well as he ever did subsequently; his timing and delivery of the ball was a massive part of his armoury, though his organisational skills came to be appreciated by all those with whom he played.

His dependability was such that, in 1985, England turned to him as their captain; in one sense it was an amazing decision because he had no experience of the job and is a notoriously quiet character. In another, it was right because he was, and is, the kind of appealingly honest individual impossible to let down.

Time for London's 'pensioners' to flex their muscles

By Peter Bills

IN THEIR day, Blackheath and Richmond were the names that mattered among London rugby clubs. Internationals arriving in the capital usually played for one or the other; Blackheath profited, too, from a strong link with the Services. Recruitment campaigns were superfluous.

Alas, these two esteemed clubs now resemble pensioners, their halcyon days far behind them. For both, the humiliation of relegation to the Courage Clubs Championship third division could be just 80 minutes away today should Richmond lose to London-Irish and Blackheath at Waterloo.

Why have such famous clubs found themselves faced with anonymity? How can such a pedigree slip away? Perhaps the lack of a strong identity with the local area has weakened both clubs in recent years.

Decay, Frank McCarthy, the Blackheath chairman, said was all around The Rectory Field for many years. "The club has marked time, living on its name and tradition. The Leagues perhaps came too early for us, because we saw the need to improve facilities first as paramount. Substantial work has been done in that direction.

The slimming down of the Services and restriction in overseas players have shrivelled recruitment. McCarthy puts his belief in the club's very strong under-21 group.

At Richmond, internal wranglings have undermined their rugby all season. The coach, chairman and secretary all departed in mid-season, together with several players who drifted away. Dave Hilliard, formerly coach of Basingstoke, was left with an invidious task.

He has brought in a trio of former players, Slagter, Hess and Faktor, all successful businessmen, to plot the future. "There has been too much talking in committees and not enough action at this club," Hilliard said.

"The organisational process here has been antiquated. In this game you cannot afford to stand still. If we do so any longer we will go the same way as London Welsh."

Saints focus on cup

ONLY two of the players who helped Northampton win the title last season will play at Bath tomorrow in the third national sevens tournament. Barry Clarke and Robbie Glenn survive from the team that beat Rosslyn Park 30-0, but the Saints have other fish to fry, in the cup final next Saturday.

Bath enter for the first time, on their own ground, with a team which includes Audley Lumsden and Adedayo Adebayo, so they will not be short of pace — nor will Leicester, who have the Underwood brothers and Neil Back in their squad.

DRAW (first match 12pm, final 5.30pm): Rosslyn Park v Liverpool St Helens; Bath v London Irish, Saracens v Rugby, Gloucester v Harlequins; Wasps v Moseley; Leicester v Bristol; Nottingham v Wakefield; Orrell v Northampton.

GUIDE TO THE WEEKEND FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

3.0 unless stated

B international

England v Iceland (at Watford)

Ray Kennedy testimonial

Arsenal v Liverpool

Barclays League
Second division

Blackburn v West Ham (all ticket)
Bristol City v Millwall
Charlton v Newcastle
Hull v Brighton
Ipswich v Oldham
Middlesbrough v Wolves
Notts County v Plymouth
Oxford v Bristol Rovers
Portsmouth v Watford
Sheffield Wed v Barnsley
Swindon v Leicester
West Bromwich v Port Vale

Third division

Birmingham v Crewe
Bournemouth v Huddersfield
Brentford v Reading
Bury v Fulham
Chester v Preston
Exeter v Southend
Leyton Orient v Grimsby
Mansfield v Tranmere
Rotherham v Bolton
Stoke v Bradford
Swansea v Shrewsbury
Wigan v Cambridge (12.0)

Fourth division

Aldershot v Gillingham
Blackpool v Stockport
Carlisle v Scarborough
Doncaster v Cardiff
Hereford v Halifax
Maidstone v Burnley
Northampton v Darlington
Peterborough v Hartlepool
Rochdale v Lincoln
Scunthorpe v Chesterfield
Wrexham v Torquay

GM Vauxhall Conference

Barnet v Welling
Barrow v Sutton Utd
Bath v Gateshead
Boston v Slough
Cheltenham v Merthyr
Kidderminster v Kettering
Northwich v Wycombe
Runcorn v Fisher
Yeovil v Macclesfield

B and Q Scottish League
Premier division

Dunfermline v Motherwell
Hearts v Celtic
St Johnstone v Hibernian
St Mirren v Aberdeen

First division

Airdrie v Forfar
Ayr v Meadowbank
Brechin v Partick
Clyde v Kilmarnock
Clydebank v Hamilton
Dundee v Raith
Morton v Falkirk

Second division

Albion v Berwick
East Fife v Alloa
E Stirling v Dumbarton
Queen of South v Arbroath
Queen's Park v Montrose
Stenhousemuir v Stranraer
Stirling v Cowdenbeath

VAUXHALL LEAGUE: Premier division: Aylesbury v Carshalton; Barking v Windsor and Eton; Enfield v Bognor Regis; Harrow v St Albans; Hendon v Basingstoke; Kingstonian v Bishop's Stortford; Leyton-Wingate v Hayes; Redbridge Forest v Woking; Staines v Grays; Wivenhoe v Marlow; Wokingham v Dagenham. First division: Bromley v Boreham Wood; Chalfont St Peter v Dulwich; Croydon v Aveley; Heybridge Swifts v Lewes; Hitchin v Whyteleafe; Metropolitan Police v Harlow; Molesey v Dorking; Walton and Hersham v Chesham; Wembley v Southwick; Worthing v Uxbridge; Yeading v Tooting and Mitcham. Second division north: Barton v Saffron Walden; Berkhamsted v Stevenage; Billericay v Collier Row; Clapton v Vauxhall Motors; Finchley v Kingsbury; Hertford v Basildon; Hornchurch v Rainham; Purfleet v Ware; Royston v Witham; Tilbury v Edgware; Tring v Hemel Hempstead. Second division south: Banstead v Southall; Bracknell v Chertsey; Cove v Ruislip Manor; Eastbourne v Harefield; Epsom and Ewell v Hampton; Feltham v Leatherhead; Flackwell Heath v Egham; Hungerford v Abingdon; Maidenhead v Newbury; Malden Vale v Camberley; Petersfield v Horsham.

HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier division: Bangor v Matlock; Buxton v Marine; Fleetwood v Frickley; Leek v Horwich; Shepshed v Southport; South Liverpool v Morecambe; Witton v Bishop Auckland. First division: Alfreton v Workington; Bridlington v Rhyl; Congleton v Accrington; Eastwood Town v Caernarfon; Lancaster v Emley; Netherfield v Farsley Celtic; Warrington v Harrogate; Winsford v Irlam; Worksop v Curzon Ashton.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Crawley v Atherstone; Dover v Poole; Farnborough v Burton; Gloucester v Waterlooville; Halesowen v Dorchester; Moor Green v Bashley; Rushden v Chelmsford; VS Rugby v Dartford; Wealdstone v Cambridge City; Weymouth v Gravesend. Midland division: Barry v Nuneaton; Bilston v Tamworth; Bridgnorth v Leicester United; Corby v Newport AFC; Dudley v Willenhall; Grantham v Hinckley; Hednesford v Stourbridge; King's Lynn v RC Warwick; Redditch v Bedworth; Stroud v Alvechurch; Sutton Coldfield v Spalding. Southern division: Ashford v Andover; Baldock v Gosport; Canterbury v Burnham; Corinthian v Witney; Fareham v Bury Town; Hythe v Buckingham; Margate v Sudbury; Newport IOW v Dunstable; Trowbridge v Salisbury; Yate v Hastings.

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Manchester United v Nottingham Forest (2.0); Sheffield United v Aston Villa (2.0).

OVENDEN PAPERS COMBINATION: Southampton v Fulham; Tottenham v Ipswich (2.0); Wimbledon v Arsenal.

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Bangor v Carrick; Cliftonville v Ballymena; Coleraine v Crusaders; Distillery v Portadown; Glenavon v Ballyclare; Glentoran v Omagh; Larne v Ards; Newry v Linfield.

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Great Yarmouth v Clacton; Haverhill v Gorleston; Histon v Felixstowe; Lowestoft v Wisbech; March v Harwich and Parkeston; Newmarket v Thetford; Wroxham v Halstead.

BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Atherton LR v Salford; Bacup v Eastwood Hanley; Bootle v Leyland DAF; Colwyn Bay v St Helens; Darwen v Flixton; Maine Road (Man) v Penrith; Nantwich v Knowsley; Prescot v Clitheroe.

ABACUS CENTRAL LEAGUE: National division: Abergavenny v Bridgend; Aberystwyth v Inter Cardiff; Afan Lido v Ton Pentre; Brecon v Ammanford; Briton Ferry v Llanelli; Port Talbot v Haverfordwest.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Barnstaple v Taunton; Chippenham v Tiverton; Dawlish v Ottery St Mary; Exmouth v Frome; Liskeard v Bristol Manor Farm; Plymouth Argyle v Chard; Welton v Saltash; Weston-super-Mare v Mangotsfield; Torrington v Paulton.

WEEKLY WYNNER LEAGUE: Premier division: Belper v Armthorpe Welfare; Denaby v Ossett Albion; Guiseley v Brigg; Maltby MW v Harrogate Railway; North Ferriby v Thackley; Ossett Town v Pontefract Col; Winterton v Spennymoor.

NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Durham v Whitby; Gretna v Billingham Synthonia; Guisborough v Alnwick; Murton v Brandon; Newcastle Blue Star v Ferryhill Athletic; Seaham Red Star v Peterlee Newtown; South Bank v Blyth Spartans; Stockton v Consett; Tow Law v Shildon.

ARTHURIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Old Carthusians v Old Foresters; Old Chigwellians v Old Reptonians.

OLD BOYS LEAGUE: Premier division: Chertsey v Enfield; Latymer v Glyn; Old Meadonians v Old Danes.

FA COUNTIES YOUTH CUP: Under-18 final (at Burnden Park, Bolton): Lancashire v Surrey.

RUGBY UNION

3.0 unless stated

Courage Clubs Championship
First division

Gloucester v Harlequins
Moseley v Leicester
Nottingham v Orrell
Rosslyn Park v Northampton
Saracens v Bath
Wasps v Bristol

Second division

Bedford v Headingley
Plymouth v Wakefield
Richmond v London Irish
Rugby v N Gosfrth
Sale v Coventry
Waterloo v Blackheath

Third division

Broughton Park v Exeter
Nuneaton v Lydney
Roundhay v Clifton
Sheffield v Met Police
Vale of Lune v Fylde

Fourth division north

Hereford v Harrogate
Otley v Birmingham
Stoke v Northern
Stourbridge v Durham City
Walsall v Preston G
Winnington Park v Lichfield

Fourth division south

Maidenhead v Ealing
North Walsham v Cheltenham
Redruth v London Welsh
Southend v Maidstone
Sudbury v Havant
Weston super Mare v Camborne

Heineken Welsh League
Premier division

Abertillery v Pontypridd (2.30)
Glamorgan Wndrs v Newbridge (2.30)
Llanelli v Bridgend (2.30)
Neath v Cardiff (2.30)
Pontypool v Swansea (2.30)

First division

Cross Keys v Penarth (2.30)
Maesteg v Ebbw Vale (2.30)
Sth Wales Police v Aberavon (2.30)
Tredegar v Newport

UNDER-19 INTERNATIONAL: Scotland v England (Bridgehaugh).

SCOTLAND: McEwan's Scottish League: Seventh division entry play-off: Stirling University v Lochaber (at Perth). Alloa Brewery Cup: Final: Edinburgh Academicals v Stirling County (Meggetland). Castlemaine Trophy: Final: Falkirk v Waid Academy FP (Meggetland). Sevens tournaments: Jed-Forest; Musselburgh; Dumbarton; South District Union; Penicuik; Caithness; Ellon; Selkirk YC; Waid Academy FP; Bearsden; Clarkston Veterans.

SOUTH WEST: Club matches: Avonmouth Extras v Pilning; Amber Valley v Bristol Combination Tourists; Aretians v Whitehall; Bodmin v Old Technicians; Bristol Saracens v Bristol Harlequins; Brockworth v Thornbury; Bristol Telephones v Midsomer Norton; Chippenham v Keynsham; Cleve v St Mary's Old Boys; Clevedon v Chipping Sodbury; Clifton Wanderers v Frampton Cotterell; Cotham Park v Old Sulians; Crediton v Illogan Park; Devon and Cornwall Police v Tiverton; Dings Crusaders v Imperial; Frome v Swanage; Newbury v Launceston; North Bristol v Coney Hill; Old Culverhaysians v St Bernadette's; Oldfield v Matson; Penryn v Newton Abbey; Penzance Newlyn v Taunton; Redruth Albion v Veor; Saltash v Hayle; Torquay v Bridgwater; Wadebridge Camels v St Austell.

NORTH: Courage Clubs Championship: Second division: Huddersfield v Carlisle. Club matches: Acklam v Hartlepool; Ashington v Darlington RA; Ashton on Mersey v De la Salle (Salford); Ashton under Lyne v Dukinfield; Barton v Hull and ER; Bowdon v Trentham, Bradford and Bingley v Liverpool St Helens; Bradford and Bingley Barbarians v Wetherby; Burnage v Kersal; Buxton v Leek; Caldy v Sandbach; Cleckheaton v West Park Bramhope; Cleethorpes v Hullensians XV; Colne and Nelson v Fleetwood; Didsbury Toc H v Glossop; Dinnington v Sheffield XV; Doncaster v Old Otliensians; East Retford v West Bridgford; Egremont v Ryton; Furness v Tyldesley; Halifax v Morley; Harrogate Georgians v Moortown; Heath v Airebronians; Hessle v Grimsby; Hornsea v Ossett; Hullensians v Hemsworth; Kendal v Hull Ionians; Knaresborough v Newton Aycliffe; Knottingley v West Leeds; Leeds CSSA v Northallerton; Leodiensians v Torquay Athletic; Liverpool Collegiate v Wallasey; Macclesfield v Leigh; Mellor and Norton v Beverley; Marist v Hull Ionians XV; Matlock v Abercynon; Meden Vale v Dronfield; Middlesbrough v Wharfedale; Mosborough v Sheffield Tigers XV; New Brighton v Derby; Newton le Willows v Crewe and Nantwich; Novocastrians v Ripon; Old Aldwinians v Keighley; Old Anselmians v Oldershaw; Old Bedians v Bury; Old Brodleians v Barnsley; Old Crossleyans XV v Sheffield Oaks; Ollerton v Harworth; Pocklington v Worksop; Pontefract v Bridlington; Richmondshire v Billingham; Rockcliff v Bishop Auckland; Rodillians v Yarnbury; Roundhegians v Ilkley; Rossendale v Metrovick; Rowntrees v Leeds YMCA; Sandal Saracens v Old Modernians; Scunthorpe v Goole; Sedgley Park v Chester; Selby v Chesterfield; Sheffield Tigers v Old Rishworthians; Southport v Widnes; Stockton v Penrith; Thornensians v Old Hymerians; Vickers v Ormskirk; Wensleydale v Upper Eden; Wheatley Hills v Market Rasen; Wilmslow v Marple; Wirral v Mold; York v Mowden Park; York RI v Scarborough.

IRELAND: Ulster senior cup: Final: Bangor v Ballymena (Ravenhill, 2.30). Munster senior cup: Final: Young Munster v Shannon (Thomond Park, 3.30). Leinster senior cup: Final: Lansdowne v Terenure College (Lansdowne Road, 3.0). Old Belvedere international sevens (Anglesey Road, 10.30): Preliminary rounds.

RUGBY LEAGUE

SILK CUT CHALLENGE CUP: Final: St Helens v Wigan (at Wembley, 2.30).

HOCKEY

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: Midlands: Derbyshire v Warwickshire (Shobnall, 1.0); Leicestershire v Nottinghamshire (Saffron Lane, 2.45); Staffordshire v Northamptonshire (Cannock, 2.30); Worcestershire v Shropshire (Kidderminster, 2.30). North: Northumberland v Yorkshire (Lightfoot, 2.30); Cumbria v Lancashire (Barrow in Furness, 2.0); Cheshire v Durham (Macclesfield, 3.0). South: Oxfordshire v Berkshire (Oxford Hawks, 2.30); Middlesex v Kent (Brunel University, 2.30); Hampshire v Surrey (Basingstoke, 3.0); Sussex v Buckinghamshire (Chichester, 3.0). West: (at Bodmin) Devon v Cornwall (11.0); Dorset v Wiltshire (12.45); Cornwall v Somerset (2.30); Wiltshire v Devon (4.15).

CRICKET

Britannic Assurance Championship

(11.0, 110 overs minimum)

DERBY: Derbyshire v Northamptonshire
CHELMSFORD: Essex v Surrey
SOUTHAMPTON: Hampshire v Kent
LEICESTER: Leicestershire v Glamorgan
LORD'S: Middlesex v Yorkshire
TAUNTON: Somerset v Sussex
EDGBASTON: Warwickshire v Lancashire
WORCESTER: Worcestershire v Gloucestershire

OTHER MATCH

(11.30 to 6.30)

THE PARKS: Oxford University v Nottinghamshire

RAPID CRICKETLINE CHAMPIONSHIP: Hove: Sussex v England Under-19.

BASKETBALL

CARLSBERG INTERNATIONAL CHALLENGE (at Worthing): Norway v Denmark (6.0); England v Turkey (8.0).

ICE HOCKEY

HEINEKEN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS: Semi-finals: (at Wembley Arena): Durham Wasps v Murrayfield Racers (1.0).

LACROSSE

NORTHERN SENIOR FLAGS: Final (at Urmston): Cheadle v Stockport. Brine Northern League: First division: Sale v Mellor; Sheffield University v Old Waconians.

OTHER SPORT

ATHLETICS: AAA 12-stage road relay (Sutton Coldfield).
TABLE TENNIS: Dunlop English age group championships (Mansfield, 10.0).
GYMNASTICS: Daily Mirror Champions All international (men and women, NEC Birmingham).
SNOOKER: Embassy world championship (Crucible Theatre, Sheffield)

[illegible]

FOOTBALL

GM Vauxhall Conference

Merthyr v Gateshead
Stafford v Altrincham (1.0)

FAI HARP LAGER CUP: Semi-finals: Kilkenny v Shamrock (at Buckley Park, 3.30); St James's v Galway (at Tolka Park, 3.30).

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Bashley v Burton. Southern division: Fareham v Trowbridge; Margate v Buckingham. Midland division: King's Lynn v Newport AFC.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Saltash v Paulton.

HFS LOANS LEAGUE: First division: Newtown v Bridlington.

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES BITTER PREMIERSHIP: Semi-finals: Hull v Leeds (6.30); Widnes v Featherstone (3.0). Second division play-offs: Semi-finals: Halifax v Leigh (1.0); Salford v Workington (3.0).

HOCKEY

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: Midlands (at Olton and West Warwickshire): Semi-finals: (9.30 and 11.0). Final: (3.30). North: Lancashire v Cheshire (Preston, 3.0); Yorkshire v Durham (Sheffield, 3.0); Cumbria v Northumberland (Ulverston, 2.0). South (at Feltham): Semi-finals (12.0). Final (3.30). West (at Plymouth): Devon v Gloucestershire (10.30); Cornwall v Wiltshire (12.0); Dorset v Hereford (1.30); Gloucestershire v Somerset (3.0); Hereford v Cornwall (4.30).

CRICKET

Britannic Assurance Championship

(11.0, 110 overs minimum)

SOUTHAMPTON: Hampshire v Kent
WORCESTER: Worcestershire v Gloucestershire

Refuge Assurance League

(2.0, 40 overs)

CHELMSFORD: Essex v Yorkshire
OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire v Northamptonshire (1.05)
LEICESTER: Leicestershire v Glamorgan
LORD'S: Middlesex v Surrey
TRENT BRIDGE: Nottinghamshire v Warwickshire
TAUNTON: Somerset v Sussex

RAPID CRICKETLINE CHAMPIONSHIP: Hove: Sussex v England U-19.

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Essex Arrows v Nottingham Hornets; Cambridge Royals v Humberside Mets; Nottingham Pirates v Enfield Spartans; London Athletics v Liverpool Tigers.

BASKETBALL

CARLSBERG INTERNATIONAL CHALLENGE (at Worthing): Denmark v Turkey (4.0); England v Norway (6.0).

ICE HOCKEY

HEINEKEN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS: Final: (at Wembley Arena, 2.0).

OTHER SPORT

CYCLING: Welwyn Hatfield GP-Star Trophy Series.

SNOOKER: Embassy World Championship (Crucible, Sheffield).

To Place Your Advertisement
☎
Trade: 071-481 1989
Private: 071-481 4000

... TRAVEL STOP PRESS ...

Fax Numbers:
071-481 9313
071-782 7828

TRAVEL ABROAD

Enjoy a Beach Club break in Greece as a couple. For the price of a single. (From only £139 for two complete holidays.)

Our all-inclusive Beach Club holidays are already fantastic value for money. Flights, accommodation by the Med, watersports and tuition, exclusive Club facilities, superb food - even your wine. It's all covered. All that's left to pay is your bar bill.

Now, we're offering better value. Book a week in June at our Cap d'Or Club in Greece, and your partner comes absolutely free.

Don't be disappointed. Call for details of our two-for-the-price-of-one bargain without delay.

CORSICA - SARDINIA - ITALY
GREECE - TURKEY
Mark Warner
071-938 1851

EGYPT
Heathrow Weekly Departure

CAIRO 7N HOLIDAY	£289
CAIRO + LUXOR 7N	£329
CAIRO + RED SEA 7N	£349
CAIRO + NILE CRUISE 14N	£495

MOMBASA
7N LUXURY HOTEL H/B £389
SOLIMAN TRAVEL
071 244 6855
IATA
ABTA A3781

MOMBASA — KENYA
29 APRIL - 01 JULY '91
SPECIAL OFFERS

	7NTS	14NTS
DIANI REEF	396	480
HEMINGWAYS	430	499
7 NIGHT SAFARI + 7 NIGHTS BEACH		from £684
2 NIGHT SAFARI + 5 NIGHTS BEACH		from £509

Based on twin room, Half board at Beach, Full board on Safari. Flights from Gatwick each Monday
CALL 081-903-8166
SOMAK TRAVEL CLUB LTD
ABTA A8569 ATOL 2550

DATA TRAVEL
0424 722394
OPEN 7 DAYS TILL 9 PM ATOL 2480

PRICES FROM		MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG
GATWICK - GERONA	FRI	85	99	105	125
GATWICK - ALICANTE	TUE	85	95	109	129
GATWICK - ALICANTE	SAT	-	126	139	149
GATWICK - PALMA	THU	-	89	99	129
MANCHESTER - GERONA	SUN	98	119	129	149
MANCHESTER - PALMA	SAT	119	139	149	169
MANCHESTER - ALICANTE	SAT	149	149	159	179
MANCHESTER - ATHENS	FRI	139	159	169	159
MANCHESTER - TENERIFE	FRI	155	169	179	169

[illegible]
ALL TAXES INC. GUARANTEED NO SURCHARGES

ROGER TAYLOR TENNIS HOLIDAYS
VALE DO LOBO - ALGARVE - PORTUGAL
AN ENJOYABLE AND INSTRUCTIVE PROGRAMME IN EUROPE'S FINEST LUXURY RESORT
Tel: 081-947-9727 for free brochure

ANNIVERSARY PILGRIMAGES
SOMME - 75th Anniversary - 1916/1991
29 Jun - 1 Jul 1991
HONG KONG - 50th Anniversary - 1941/1991
20 Nov - 12 Dec 1991
SINGAPORE - 50th Anniversary - 1942/1992
12 - 20 Feb 1992
0622 716182/716729
Royal British Legion Pilgrimage Department

3 OR 4 DAY WEEKEND BREAKS at the fabulous La Manga Club
From £145 inc. flights and accom
Half price Golf and Tennis
★★★★★
DIRECT FLIGHTS TO MURCIA
IDEAL FOR: TORREVIEJA - LA MANGA - ALICANTE
From Gatwick and Manchester
Phone now for details + '91 Brochure
081 397 4411
061 833 1771
Barwell Travel
20 YEARS TO LA MANGA
ABTA A7101 ATOL 2146

VISTA TRAVEL SUMMER FLIGHTS

Gerona	from £79
Alicante/Malaga/Faro	£89
Mahon/Nice	£95
Palma/Gib/Las Palmas	£99
Tenerife/Lanzarote	£115

0322-332281 ABTA C3037

GERMAN TRAVEL CENTRE
Daily return flights
Frankfurt £78
Berlin £121
Tel: 071 836 4444
ABTA 90085 - IATA

ATHENS
FLIGHTS EVERY MON, THURS, FRI, SAT & SUN

	FROM
MAY & JUNE	£109
JULY	£119
AUG	£139
SEPT	£129

ODD DURATIONS AVAILABLE
AIRBREAK LTD
071-224 2444

AFRICA
LOW COST FLIGHT SPECIALISTS
AFRICAN WORLD TRAVEL SERVICES
RADNOR HOUSE, 5th FLOOR, SUITE 501, 93 REGENT ST. LONDON W1R 7TG
TEL: 071-734 7181/2/3

DENMARK & SWEDEN
Short Breaks in Legoland, Copenhagen and Stockholm. Economic Flights to Stockholm from £150 return. Chalets, Summerhouses, Farmhouses & Hotels throughout Denmark & Sweden.
Ideal Family Holidays.
ABTA 83249
081-553 3883

DISCOUNT FARES
• USA • CANADA
• AUSTRALIA
• NEW ZEALAND
• SOUTH AFRICA
● ON ALL MAJOR AIRLINES
● Economy, club & first class
● ALL FLIGHTS GUARANTEED
● scheduled airlines
PIONEER TRAVEL
081-866 2282 ABTA C3802

GREEK CONNECTION
For the best of Greece
Carefully chosen villages
s/c Villas and apartments. Small and Friendly hotels. All close to the best beaches
Tel: 0252 629231/624660
GREEK CONNECTION (1986) Ltd
CAA ATOL 2318

FLIGHTS
Spain, Italy, Canaries, Malta, Portugal, Corsica, Greece & Islands, Turkey and many other European destinations.
Long/Short stays avail.
Car Hire
FALDORI LTD Est 1981
Tel 081-471 0047
Fully Bonded ATOL 1840 Access/Visa

CASAS CANTABRICAS S/C cottages in N Spain. Discover the beautiful countryside & beaches of Cantabria, Asturias and Galicia. Tel: 0223 328721

FILM SHOW on the UK's widest range of worldwide Adventure and Walking Tours. Royal Overseas League, St James Street, London SW1 at 6.30pm May 9th & 16th. Why not come along? Call Exodus Expeditions to reserve seats 081-6755550

MILL COTTAGE. Dordogne wooded valley, stream. 5 miles Le Bugue. Slps 4 + 2. Modern. £175-£275 pw. 0504 822397.

VINTAGE FRANCE
Traditional stone houses in most regions
EXTRA HIGH SEASON AVAILABILITY
Rendezvous FRANCE
19 Aylesbury Road, Wendover, Bucks, HP22 6JG
ABTA 51484
0296 696040

AUSTRALIA/ N. ZEALAND
Specials - One way from £349
Return from £626
Around the World £699
Free Insurance on British Airways & Qantas.
Excellent stopover packages
TRAVELMOOD
071-258-0280
Brochure Hotline
071-402-4108 (24hrs)
ABTA C8865 IATA

LAC DU BOURGET
Savoie
Farmhouse with large secluded garden. Sleeps 8 (4 large double bedrooms). 1 hour Geneva/ Lyon
£250-£425pw
AVAILABILITY FOR JUNE, JULY & SEPTEMBER
For Brochure Call Tim
071-351 1051

NORMANDY Nr Cherbourg B&B secluded Chateau. English. Tel: 01033 33453326 F: 33470879

TUSCANY at its finest. May and June for warm scented air. Wildflowers and sunshine. An 18th century farmhouse amidst a beautiful country garden. Vineyards and Olivegroves, with large pool awaits you. 071 834 8660. Fax 071 931 0521.

VILLAS in Lindos & Pefkos on Rhodes. Spring Specials. Jenny May Holidays 071 225 0321. Also Rotterdam Cup Final Trips 061 230 7810

UK LATE AVAILABILITY

HOLIDAY COTTAGE
2 bedrooms, converted from granary barn, in grounds of leading country house hotel. Heated outdoor pool and star rated restaurant. Available self-catering or serviced. Minimum 3 day stay.
For further details, Calcot Manor, near Tetbury (0666) 890391.

MAYBANK HOLIDAY
(6/5)
in North Cornwall. Have a break with free riding, fishing & tennis included. Beautiful self catering cottages on private estate. From as little £25 PP for 3 nights.
Ring Dan or Maria Parsons (0840) 212375.

17TH CENTURY thatched cottage. 6 bedrms, 2½ baths, large kit & lounge. 3½ acre woodland setting. Near Bournemouth, pony optional. 0202 822275.

THORPENESS Newly decorated fully equip 5 bed cott slps 9. Avail May, Jun, Jul, Sep. £350-400 pw. 071 493 4395 eves /we 0279 814399.

BANK Holidays Vacs. Cottages in Cotswolds & South. Countryside Cottages 0747 824778.

YORKSHIRE Dales. Cottage for 7 + cot. Microwave, tv, etc. From £120pw. Tel: (0253) 735863.

NEAR ROCK - Character cottage sleeps 8. April-Oct. £250pw. Few lets remain. 0752 785557.

GREAT CORNWALL BALLOON FESTIVAL
Bank Holiday Weekend
May 3rd - 6th
Headquarters at the Headland
2 nights D.B.B. £83.00 P.P. inc VAT
3 nights D.B.B. £120.00 P.P. inc VAT
and delicious cream tea on arrival!
CHAMPAGNE BALLOON FLIGHTS £85.00 P.P.
Tel 0637 872211 for bookings and 0208 75788 for details of flights.

BATH 3 miles. Pretty 18c. cottage in peaceful village setting, slps 8 in comfort. 041 772 6675.

IDYLLIC- Historic setting. Luxury barn conversions, 2 miles Corfe castle, suit 2-10, spectacular views. Book Now 0929 480312

NORFOLK Quaint country cottage. Immaculately kept. Dogs welcomed. Sleeps 2/4. Tel: 0328 78436.

ALDEBURGH Lge seafront Hse slps 10. Newly refurb & fully equip. Avail May, Jun, Jul & Sept. £400-500pw 071 493 4395 eves/we 0279 814399

FALMOUTH Luxurious 68 foot yacht sleeps 12 comfortably. Holiday let or charter Scillies, Brittany etc. 0326 311603 eve.

NEW! Green cycling tours tailor made for you. Windmill Wheels. P.O. 1217 8900 CE Leeuwarden. Netherlands

SE CORNWALL Cottage on Moorland farm. Sleeps 2/4. Wonderful scenery / walks. Ideal touring or retreat. Dogs welcome Tel: 0579 42385.

Travel also appears in
THE TIMES
Saturday Review
Pages 48, 49, 50 Today

RUGBY LEAGUE

Wigan leave decision on Hanley until last minute

By KEITH MACKLIN

THOSE who believe the theory that one man does not make a team should have felt the gloom at Central Park, Wigan, this week. While the rest of the Wigan players were out on the pitch doing Wembley training, Ellery Hanley was in the treatment room nursing the hamstring injury that may yet keep him out of this afternoon's Silk Cut Challenge Cup final against St Helens.

The fact that Hanley's fitness is still in doubt makes prediction of this afternoon's events a lottery. Wigan, with the inspiring presence of Hanley, are a different side to Wigan without him. They still have a team full of internationals, motivated by brilliant half backs in Gregory and Edwards, yet the team does not seem to click into all gears without the leadership, the drive, and above all the constructive skills of the Wigan and Great Britain captain.

All week Wigan have waited for some sign of an improvement in the hamstring tear that caused Hanley to limp out of the final championship match of the season at Leeds. John Monie, the Wigan coach, said that any normal player would have been ruled out, as Joe Lydon was yesterday. However, as everyone knows, Hanley is no ordinary player, and a half-fit Hanley would still be an essential factor in Wigan's planning and team work.

So Monie has opted to delay a crucial decision to the last possible moment, up to half an hour before the kick-off at Wembley tomorrow. Hanley will be given every possible second of rest to get the hamstring sufficiently right for him to raise even a minor gallop. Injections would do the rest.

However, if Hanley cannot get out of the starting blocks when his test finally comes, Andy Goodway, a seasoned Great Britain international, will take over the No. 13 shirt.

While the serial of Hanley's fitness has been going on all week, St Helens have continued without interruption on the path of dedicated training which they hope will lead to revenge and restoration of team and civic pride following their 27-0 humiliation against Wigan two years ago.

When asked about that defeat and about the possibility of Hanley being missing, the New Zealand coach of St Helens, Mike McClennan, said: "I know nothing of two years ago. I wasn't here then. Whatever team Wigan turn out we will be ready for them."

For the St Helens supporters in the capacity crowd of nearly 78,000 victory would be sweet, but is not totally essential. All they ask of the Saints is that they compete and this time give Wigan a game, instead of capitulating cravenly from the opening minutes as they did last time.

McClennan talked and steered his new-look team to a splendid and unexpected victory over Widnes in the semi-final, and he is a master tactician who will have similar schemes in wait for Wigan.

The St Helens team has been vastly strengthened by the addition of the Welsh half back, Jonathan Griffiths, and two mighty forwards in the New Zealander, George Mann, and the Great Britain international, Kevin Ward. Others like Loughlin, Cooper, Veivers and Bishop have bitter memories to wipe out.

TODAY'S TEAMS AT WEMBLEY

St Helens			Wigan	
P Veivers	1	Full back	S Hampson	1
A Hunte	2	Right wing	D Myers	2
T Ropati	3	Right centre	K Iro	3
P Loughlin	4	Left centre	D Bell	4
L Quirk	5	Left wing	F Botica	5
J Griffiths	6	Stand off	S Edwards	6
P Bishop	7	Scrum half	A Gregory	7
J Neill	8	Prop	I Lucas	8
B Dwyer	9	Hooker	M Dermott	9
K Ward	10	Prop	A Platt	10
G Mann	11	Second row	D Betts	11
J Harrison	12	Second row	P Clarke	12
*S Cooper	13	Loose forward	* †E Hanley	13

*Captain *Captain

Referee: J Smith (Halifax)

REPLACEMENTS: G Connolly and P Groves

REPLACEMENTS: R Goulding and A Goodway or I Gildart

† May be replaced by A Goodway

Depending on the luck of the draw

By KEN LAWRENCE

I AM not one of those who stumble over the crock of gold at the end of the rainbow. My premium bond number never comes up. I never get a cheque from Mr Littlewood or win a British Airways prize. Which is why, long, long ago, I opted out of life's lucky dips.

However, I would appear to be a rare bird. Viewers will respond by the hundreds of thousands when shortly asked to judge which is snooker's Shot of the Championship and which is football's Goal of the Season, in the hopes of winning either a trip to the snooker final at the Crucible or a VIP journey to see Manchester United in the European Cup Winners' Cup final.

By Monday, the BBC backroom boys will have put together a positive *pot pourri* of spicy shots. That evening (BBC2, 9.0 and 11.25pm) these will be screened and viewers will be asked by David Vine to nominate their choice.

Before British Telecom made calling in so simple, 250,000 postcards would pour into the Crucible in three days. Then, boy scouts were employed to sift the thousands of cards. One, much against his will, was forced by his father to slip six all-correct cards into the pile from which the prize-winner would be drawn — to no avail. The fraud was easily spotted.

SPORT ON TELEVISION

THE WEEK IN VIEW

At lunch-time today, another major competition opens up in the *Saint and Greavsie Show* (ITV, 12.30pm). The present Goal of the Season competition began when ITV won the contract that allowed it exclusive access to all Football League and League Cup action three years back. The trophy, says Richard Worth, producer of *Saint and Greavsie*, was a "pukka job; it was presented to us by Garrards, the crown jewellers".

In its first season, this went to Alan McInally, of Aston Villa. He was transferred to Germany and the trophy went with him. When he was asked for its return, he sent back a heap of crumpled metal. "It looked like the front of a car that had been in a motorway accident," Worth says.

Garrards were too polite to complain and did the necessary repairs in time for Norwich's Robert Rosario to collect it last season.

ITV divides all the votes by each club's average gate to ensure a fair result.

THE WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

TODAY: St Helens' efforts to stop Wigan gets top billing in *Grandstand* (BBC1, 12.30pm). The show includes world snooker, and there is more from the Crucible on BBC2 at 4.45, 9.05pm, and at 12.30am. The West Indies-Australia Test in Antigua is live on Skysports (3 and 10pm) tomorrow. The Grand Prix from Imola is live on BBC2 (in Sunday Grandstand from 12.40pm) and Eurosport around 12.45pm. Television's love affair with Paul Gascoigne continues on ITV (*Gazza — The Real Me* at 4.55pm).

MONDAY: The first of three sessions on BBC2 comes at 2.45 as the battle for quarter-final places concludes: 9 and 11.25pm are the evening timings. Live Cricket tops the Skysports bill from Antigua, and on Eurosport, memories of the great British boxers, John Conteh and Chris Finnegan, are recaptured in *Superbouts* (8pm).

TUESDAY: Quarter-final action from The Crucible (BBC2, 2.40, 4, 9, and 11.20pm); for less gentlemanly behaviour, the world ice hockey championships are continuing in Finland (Eurosport 3 and 9pm).

WEDNESDAY: A big day: England's crucial European championship trip to Turkey is live on BBC2 (3.55) and on Skysports; Eire's match with Poland is live on ITV (1.50pm). *Sportsnight* (BBC1, 10.20pm) has England highlights plus snooker, and a profile of jockey Frankie Dettori; ITV's Midweek Sport Special (10.45) shows highlights of the Eire game and also has Derek Williams defending his Commonwealth heavyweight boxing title against Jimmy Thunder, of Australia.

THURSDAY: Tiff Needell takes one of the rare Jaguar XJR15s around a redesigned Silverstone circuit (*Top Gear*, BBC2, 8.30pm).

FRIDAY: Racing from Newmarket (ITV, 2.30pm), and more Snooker (BBC2, 2.25, 9, and 11.20pm).

In The Groove mightier than the word

By RICHARD EVANS

THE form book rather than racecourse and gallops whisper reigned supreme at Sandown yesterday as In The Groove showed why she was ranked as last season's top middle distance filly and Suomi's much-advertised Derby aspirations went up in smoke.

In The Groove, winner of three group one races last year including the Irish 1,000 Guineas, had been held up in her work for a few days after over-reaching herself and even David Elsworth began to doubt whether she was ready to win the Trusthouse Forte Mile.

The setback, combined with glowing reports from Lambourn about the progress made over the winter months by Zoman, resulted in Paul Cole's miler being sent off favourite. But class has no fear of home-grown reputations or racing gossip, and so it proved.

Elsworth's filly, bought for a bargain basement price of 20,000 guineas, was ridden to perfection by Steve Cauthen. While Zoman and long-time leader Aldbourne battled for the lead between the two and one-furlong poles, Cauthen waited.

As he explained later, he could feel In The Groove beginning to tire but, when he gave her one crack with the whip, she responded most gamely and found the decisive burst of speed which is her hallmark.

Despite showing signs of running out of steam towards the end of a race which is arguably short or her best distance, she still had a length to spare over Zoman.

In The Groove is entered for every big race in the calendar, including the Eclipse Stakes, the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes and the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe. "She is blessed with speed which is the most important ingredient of any racehorse," Elsworth said.

Cauthen likened the filly to Indian Skimmer, saying: "One-and-a-quarter miles is her best trip. I am not saying she won't get a mile and a half but she is absolutely brilliant at a mile and a quarter. If a race is run to suit her and she gets switched off, she'll be OK over a mile and a half."

While Elsworth can dream of conquering the middle distance heights throughout Europe in the coming months, Luca Cumani's hopes of glory in the Ever Ready Derby with Suomi were shattered swiftly in the Harvester Graduation Stakes.

The painful sound of bubbles bursting over the Esher slopes was eclipsed only by Cumani's criticism of work-watchers at Newmarket whom he blamed for "hyping" Suomi, winner of a Newcastle maiden last autumn.

"Sometimes even trainers cannot understand gallops but reporters and work-watchers seem to know best and hype a horse up. Then people are let down.

"Most of the people watching gallops know nothing about it. I suppose in Newmarket we have to live with this. But by and large they are inexperienced people. They see one horse end in front of another and then think it is a world-beater. It is misleading to the public."

Cumani may have a point but Suomi's disappointing performance will be a blow to the talented trainer. Privately, he held high hopes for the son of Tate Gallery.

Ironically, Fife, the 25-1 winner, is owned like the favourite by Sheikh Mohammed. Fife, the only filly in the field, is likely to go for the Musidora Stakes at York and the Ribblesdale at Royal Ascot, her trainer, Barry Hills, said.

Clive Brittain can do nothing wrong at the momqot, and after recording a 31-1 double with Walk That Walk and Endoli, he revealed the secret of his success — a change in the water drunk by his horses. He changed water supplies from the mains to a private bore because of the improved quality and cost of privatised supplies.

Brian Rouse, who partnered Chance To Dream, runner-up to Walk That Walk, was banned for two days by the stewards for excessive use of the whip. The suspension starts on May 5.

Ron Boss has resorted to kindness to get to the bottom of Access Travel and was rewarded in the Wheeler's Restaurant Handicap when the sprinter won his first race since his juvenile days. The five-year-old has been called all sorts of names and has earned the dreaded *Timeform* squiggle following some less than enthusiastic performances.

Boss eventually discovered that Access Travel does not enjoy being hit with a jockey's whip. In fact, he downs tools if there is the slightest hint he is about to be whipped. Frankie Dettori was under the strictest instructions to keep his hands tied firmly together and not to use "the persuader." The tactics paid off as Access Travel caught Bold Lez in the final stride.

HEXHAM

MANDARIN

2.15 Stepfaster. 2.45 Magic Soldier. 3.15 Duright. 3.45 Sage Brush. 4.15 Choice Challange. 4.45 Kushbaloo.

THUNDERER

2.15 Stepfaster. 2.45 Achiltibuie. 3.15 Knocklaur. 3.45 Facility Letter. 4.15 Choice Challange. 4.45 Kushbaloo.

Brian Beel: 3.15 Duright.

GOING: FIRM

2.15 CHESTERS STUD MARES NOVICES CHASE (2m 4f: £2,251) (13)

1 1UUR FIRST SHADOW 8 (B,S) M Hammond 10-11-11 N Doughty
2 4024 MISS FERN 7 (D,F) R Dickin 6-11-11 L O'Hara
3 P0P- CHERRY SIDE 376 (B) J Robinson 11-11-4 Mr R Robinson
4 FPPP COVA CAILE 17 (B) T Bailey 7-11-4 —
5 00/ JILLY GREY 819 S Kettlewell 6-11-4 C Dennis (3)
6 5620 LINGHAM MAGIC 11 (B) J Swiers 6-11-4 Mr S Swiers
7 0/P MILL FARM GIRL 52 Miss J Barclay 8-11-4 M Hill
8 -P00 POLITE LADY 11 Mrs G Reveley 7-11-4 P Niven
9 0450 POLLIBRIG 26 J Oliver 7-11-4 T Reed
10 248P STARA ZAGORA 7 (B) Mrs S Taylor 8-11-4 G Harker
11 0023 STEPFASTER 7 (G) W A Stephenson 6-11-4 A Merrigan
12 0P3- TEN A PENNY 364 T Cuthbert 11-11-4 —
13 P0 OAKWOOD ROYAL 26 S Payne 5-10-10 C Hawkins

7-4 Stepfaster, 9-2 Miss Fern, 5-1 Polite Lady, 11-2 Pollibrig, 6-1 Lingham Magic, 8-1 First Shadow, 12-1 others.

2.45 NORTHUMBERLAND TRAINING AND ENTERPRISE COUNCIL HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,040: 2m 4f) (10)

1 1450 MAGIC AT DAWN 11 (C,F) G Moore 6-11-10 P Niven
2 5422 MAGIC SOLDIER 40 (BF,G) G Richards 6-11-4 N Doughty
3 6630 CHASERS' BAR 11 (CD,F) J Swiers 6-11-0 Mr S Swiers
4 3230 ARUM LILY 7 (C,D,F,G,S) T Cuthbert 7-10-11 Carol Cuthbert (7)
5 -014 OUR HERO 26 (CD,S) W Storey 8-10-11 K Doolan
6 22P4 LADY TOKEN 7 (D,F) H Gill 7-10-9 Mrs A Farrell
7 02F2 ACHILTIBUIE 11 (F) W Crawford 7-10-8 M Moloney
8 4155 LUPY MINSTREL 33 (D,G) C Parker 6-10-1 A Merrigan
9 0300 FAR OUT 17 (B,S) T Bailey 5-10-0 —
10 0000 YOKATOLA RUN 53 B Mactaggart 6-10-0 L O'Hara

3-1 Magic Soldier, 5-1 Magic At Dawn, 11-2 Our Hero, 7-1 Achiltibuie, Lupy Minstrel, 8-1 Arum Lily, 10-1 Chasers' Bar.

3.15 GILESGATE VOLVO MAIDEN HEART OF ALL ENGLAND HUNTER CHASE (Amateurs: £1,772: 3m) (20)

1 0/0- BRIGHT HOUR 483 S Clark 8-12-0 Mrs A Farrell
2 CROSS COUNT 2180 Miss J Eaton 13-12-0 Miss L Eaton (7)
3 6-63 DAMIEN'S BEAU 47 S Pittendrigh 9-12-0 S Pittendrigh (7)
4 DOXFORD HUT C Bell 7-12-0 S Bell (7)
5 /0- GLENJARMI 364 (B) J Henderson 9-12-0 C Sample (3)
6 6U JORDANSTOWN HOUSE 11 Mrs A Barnett 9-12-0 Miss K Barnett (7)
7 KNOCKLAUR Mrs J Furness 8-12-0 S Brisby (7)
8 U- LUCKY BEG 364 Mrs S Fenwick 11-12-0 P Johnson (7)
9 /P-U LITTLE BAVARD 19 Mrs A Fisher 11-12-0 —
10 -6P3 MELSONBY 19 (B) E Robson 9-12-0 N Hargreave (7)
11 0/ PORTGLORIAM 1258 Miss J Campbell 11-12-0 Mrs M Robinson (7)
12 55/ RIVERSFIELD PARK 775 S Robinson 10-12-0 S Robinson (7)
13 /5- SOVEREIGN STEPS 507 T Harcock 9-12-0 T Harcock (7)
14 65-P SPACE GEM 7 R Peacock 10-12-0 S Swiers
15 P5/ SUMMER MEADOWS 721 R Ward 8-12-0 Miss S Hunter (7)
16 0/ TIMBOTTIM 1296 Mrs N Unsworth 10-12-0 Mr R Greenway
17 06P3 TRUE FAIR 185 G White 8-12-0 D Mactaggart (7)
18 20/ BRACKAGH RUN 708 N Dean 7-11-9 Miss J Thurlow (7)
19 DURIGHT P Sawney 8-11-9 N Tutty (5)
20 /P-6 KEMCROSS 11 R Leyland 11-11-9 R Ford (7)

4-1 Bright Hour, 5-1 Duright, 6-1 Knocklaur, 8 Kemcross, Riversfield Park, 10-1 Jordanstown House, Melsonby, 12-1 others.

3.45 NORTHUMBERLAND BOYS CLUBS NOVICES HURDLE (£2,116: 2m) (21)

1 3046 DAMANOUR 4 (F) G Richards 5-11-10 N Doughty
2 2615 FAST CRUISE 7 (D,S) E Owen jun 6-11-5 D Skyrme
3 5000 ANOTHER FOUNTAIN 50 J Dixon 5-11-2 K Jones
4 -000 CARD PARTY 33 N Waggott 6-11-2 Miss T Waggott (7)
5 IRISH GENT W A Stephenson 5-11-2 A Heywood (7)
6 000- J-TEC BOY 420F J Kinane 5-11-2 J K Kinane
7 3/P MR KIPPER 84 J Goulding 7-11-2 C Dennis (3)
8 00 ROYAL FOOL 11 D Eddy 5-11-2 L O'Hara
9 -0P0 SAUCY TOUCH 11 (B) R Swiers 5-11-2 Mr S Swiers
10 030P STAND AT EASE 11 W Storey 6-11-2 K Doolan
11 PP STILL DANCING 28 J Hubbuck 5-11-2 T Reed
12 0P STRONG CHANCE 53 W Page 5-11-2 A Merrigan
13 ANNACERAMIC 563F Miss J Barclay 6-10-11 M Hill
14 0 ANZARNA 44 Mrs S Taylor 6-10-11 G Harker
15 58-0 GLENLAW 44 T Cuthbert 8-10-11 Carol Cuthbert (7)
16 PF42 LOTHIAN ROSE 11 W Crawford 5-10-11 M Moloney (5)
17 40P0 NUGOLA 25 J Swiers 9-10-11 —
18 003 SAGE BRUSH 25 B Wilkinson 5-10-11 J Corkhill (3)
19 0 WHO'S SILLY NOW 44 J Charlton 5-10-11 J O'Gorman (3)
20 524 FACILITY LETTER 10F (BF) G Moore 4-10-10 P Niven
21 00 LE PELLEY'S ISLE 33 M Barnes 4-10-10 —

15-8 Fast Cruise, 9-4 Facility Letter, 4-1 Sage Brush, 6-1 Damanour, 8-1 Irish Gent, 12-1 others.

4.15 GILESGATE VOLVO HANDICAP CHASE (£2,978: 2m 4f) (10)

1 1-1P QUASSIMI 197 (BF,D,F,G) G Richards 7-12-0 N Doughty
2 U363 SPEECH 11 (CD,F) W A Stephenson 8-11-7 A Merrigan
3 3U61 CHOICE CHALLANGE 25 (CD,F,G,S) M Hammond 8-11-6 P Niven
4 213- KAMSEL 497 (F,G) W Page 8-11-0 A Larnach (7)
5 32F4 REIVER'S LAD 84 (D,G) F Walton 10-10-9 T Reed
6 P460 BORDER OAK 14 (C,F) J Charlton 9-10-4 J O'Gorman (3)
7 UP56 BARONY ISLE 53 (C,D,G,S) C Thornton 10-10-3 A Orkney
8 00PU CHIPCHASE 11 (C,D,F,G,S) B Wilkinson 11-10-2 L O'Hara
9 4-50 KERSIL 22 (D,F,G,S) J Swiers 14-10-0 —
10 P0F6 CRACK-A-JIM 66 Miss J Barclay 9-10-0 M Hill

5-4 Choice Challange, 3-1 Quassimi, 9-2 Speech, 8-1 Barony Isle, 10-1 Border Oak, 14-1 others.

4.45 NEWCASTLE BREWERIES TOP OF THE NORTH NOVICES HURDLE (Qualifier: £1,475: 2m 4f) (9)

1 1240 KUSHBALOO 26 (D,G) C Parker 6-11-4 A Merrigan
2 1405 PALANQUIN 11 (B,S) W Reed 9-11-4 T Reed
3 P550 ABE MY BOY 11 T Gibson 10-11-0 J Corkhill (7)
4 -30F BALLYBELL 47 J Gledson 6-11-0 Miss J Thurlow (7)
5 P006 FOSSWAY MERCHANT 44 G Costsworth 6-11-0 G Harker
6 530 ALAN'S FRIEND 115 M Hammond 5-10-9 P Niven
7 05F- COOL FOUNTAIN 337 T Cuthbert 7-10-9 Carol Cuthbert (7)
8 525P ZAM'S SLAVE 114 J Charlton 6-10-9 J O'Gorman (3)
9 0 PROGRAMMED TO WIN 25 B McLean 4-10-8 A Orkney

13-8 Kushbaloo, 11-4 Palanquin, 4-1 Alan's Friend, 8-1 Zam's Slave, 12-1 Programmed To Win, 16-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: G Moore, 27 winners from 88 runners, 30.7%; C Thornton, 3 from 11, 27.3%; M Hammond, 7 from 28, 25.0%; G Richards, 35 from 152, 23.0%; W A Stephenson, 53 from 298, 17.8%; J Swiers, 3 from 17, 17.6%.

JOCKEYS: N Doughty, 16 winners from 70 rides, 22.9%; D Nolan, 11 from 57, 19.3%; Niven, 18 from 108, 16.7%; M Hill, 4 from 25, 16.0%; L O'Hara, 8 from 53, 15.1%; Mr C Sample, 3 from 20, 15.0%.

WORCESTER

MANDARIN

5.30 Capsize. 6.00 Tipping Tim. 6.30 Rocktor. 7.00 Western Counties. 7.30 Splitthedifference. 8.00 Donosti.

THUNDERER

5.30 Bell Glass. 6.00 Winabuck. 6.30 Rocktor. 7.00 Dr Rocket. 7.30 Splitthedifference. 8.00 Hats High.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (WATERING)

5.30 PERSHORE NOVICES HURDLE (£2,351: 2m) (22 runners)

1 0210 BELL GLASS 21 (D,S) J Jenkins 5-11-7 M Ahern (3)
2 21 CAPSIZE 35 (D,G) Mrs F Walwyn 5-11-7 K Mooney
3 0201 MAKARIM 26 (D,F) O Sherwood 6-11-7 J Osborne
4 061 INDIAN PLUME 21 (D,S) D Burchell 4-11-2 D J Burchell
5 0225 RED RING 9 (D,S) J Webber 4-11-2 W Marston (7)
6 001B SEDGEWELL ORCHID 31 (D,S) R Holder 6-11-2 E Byrne (7)
7 6632 SHAMANA 10 (D,G) D Nicholson 5-11-2 D Bridgwater (5)
8 AMBER CLOWN 1685F N Henderson 8-11-0 P Thompson (7)
9 INDIAN HILL 958F B Ryall 6-11-0 Ann Stokell
10 JOKERS WILD M Wilkinson 6-11-0 C Llewellyn
11 6 JOLLY JAUNT 61 K Wingrove 6-11-0 W Bird (7)
12 0 KALA KING 35 Mrs D Haine 5-11-0 J Shortt
13 00 MAYFIELD PARK 49 C Barwell 6-11-0 R Guest
14 OUR EDITION D Thomer 9-11-0 P Davies (7)
15 PORTWAY GREY F Smith 11-11-0 V Slattery (7)
16 600 HIGHLAND BRAVE 9 J Colston 4-10-9 —
17 JUST A SECOND C Drewe 6-10-9 H Davies
18 34 MY WIZARD 26 N Gaselee 4-10-9 A Adams
19 -343 SNITTON LANE 24 (F) J Edwards 5-10-9 D Tegg
20 4 ARDEARNED 18 K Bishop 4-10-4 R Greene (5)
21 0 FUSSY LADY 21 Mrs I McKie 4-10-4 A Webb
22 00 LUCKY HARVEST 61 Mrs A Radcliff 4-10-4 Gee Armytage

7-4 Bell Glass, 7-2 Makarim, 9-2 Capsize, 7-1 Red Ring, 9-1 Shamana, 10-1 Indian Plume, 14-1 Amber Clown, 20-1 others.

6.00 BEWDLEY NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£3,129: 2m 4f) (18)

1 1FFF OFFICER GROWLER 25 (G,S) Mrs D Haine 7-11-10 J Shortt
2 -041 CHAIN SHOT 17 (F) K White 6-11-5 A O'Hagan
3 0631 TEAM LEADER 28 (D,G) T Forster 8-11-2 C Llewellyn
4 3151 TIPPING TIM 16 (D,G,S) N Twiston-Davies 6-10-13 C Maude (3)
5 FF1P WINABUCK 45 (G,S) R Dickin 8-10-12 S Earle
6 UF50 ROYAL HERO 7 (S) P Leach 10-10-8 H Davies
7 F246 SMITHY BEAR 26 (B,S) Will Price 9-10-7 R Guest
8 P-P6 ABBEYDORE 149 (G,S) G Powell 9-10-5 D Tegg
9 51PP MOUNT TORUS 26 (B) S Christian 7-10-4 K Mooney
10 0-P6 L FOREVER 39 Mrs S Richardson 8-10-4 —
11 -0PF MONKSCOMBE 25 (F) Mrs J Pitman 8-10-4 —
12 00PU MOORCROFT BOY 7 C Roach 6-10-2 A Webb
13 -54F FESTIVE QUIZ 16 Miss D Radbourne 9-10-2 T Pinfield (5)
14 3P4P TRAVISTOWN 10 B Llewellyn 9-10-2 C Evans
15 P444 MISS WRENSBOROUGH 30 (S) D Gandolfo 8-10-0 B Dowling
16 60P4 FLUTTER MONEY 12 (G,S) Miss G Dollar 7-10-0 R Boucher (7)
17 -PP6 CLEO LADY 26 W Mann 9-10-0 —
18 0P00 TANDERAGEE 17 (S) R Lee 10-10-0 W McFarland

4-1 Tipping Tim, 5-1 Chain Shot, Winabuck, 6-1 Smithy Bear, 8-1 Team Leader, Travistown, Officer Growler, 14-1 others.

6.30 BATTENHALL NOVICES HURDLE (£2,336: 3m) (25)

1 212P COKENNY BOY 25 (S) Mrs J Pitman 6-11-10 M Pitman
2 -6F1 MISTER TICKLE 7 (F) N Twiston-Davies 6-11-10 C Llewellyn
3 0402 ROCKTOR 23 (F,S) D Barons 6-11-10 —
4 00-2 ASK FOR MORE 24 J Edwards 6-11-3 D Tegg
5 0005 BEN THE BOMBER 21 J Edwards 6-11-3 Judy Davies (7)
6 CADDLESTOWN M Oliver 7-11-3 J Railton
7 PF8P COLD MARBLE 37 D R Tucker 8-11-3 S McNeill
8 5405 FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE 10 (F,G) C Broad 6-11-3 A Carroll
9 0P JAKE THE RAKE 65 J Edwards 5-11-3 C Maude (3)
10 00P MARITIME FLY 26 D Barons 6-11-3 —
11 P OYSTER RIVER 53 Mrs A Barclay 7-11-3 J Shortt
12 4233 PITCHCOTT HILL 7 (F) D Nicholson 6-11-3 R Dunwoody
13 000 RIVER FORTRESS 25 J Glover 6-11-3 J J Quinn
14 0426 RUBINS BOY 12 S Sherwood 5-11-3 J Osborne
15 F036 SUNSHINE FLIGHT 25 Mrs F Walwyn 7-11-3 K Mooney
16 46-F TOPHARD 175 R Lee 5-11-3 W McFarland
17 0F- VITAL SINGER 416 (B) Mrs N Sharpe 6-11-3 —
18 05P0 WINTER'S LANE 120 B Pike 7-11-3 —
19 -PP0 BALTANA 21 B Wells 6-10-12 S Mason (7)
20 B CAVALEUSE 12 J Simmons 8-10-12 J Duggan
21 00 FOXGROVE 17 Mrs C Middleton 5-10-12 R Guest
22 0P00 MARINERS LOVE 24 R Dickin 5-10-12 S Earle
23 000 ODSTONE PEAR 27 P Leach 6-10-12 H Davies
24 04 PENNY FIZZ 25 J Baker 6-10-12 S Burrough (5)
25 0 SIGN PERFORMER 24 H Collingridge 4-10-9 V Smith

11-4 Mister Tickle, 3-1 Ask For More, 9-2 Rocktor, 6-1 Pitchcott Hill, 10-1 Rubin's Boy, 12-1 Penny Fizz, 14-1 others.

7.00 CHELTENHAM AND THREE COUNTIES RACE CLUB HANDICAP CHASE (£2,385: 2m) (9)

1 -12P MARKET LEADER 38 (D,F,G) R Lee 11-11-10 C Maude (3)
2 2536 MISTER POINT 7 (B,D,G,S) N Tinkler 9-11-10 G McCourt
3 65U1 WESTERN COUNTIES 24 (CD,F,G,S) R Holder 12-11-7 N Mann
4 3455 WITH GODS HELP 28 (D,F,G) C Brooks 7-11-7 P Scudamore
5 2041 TRIBUTE TO YOUTH 12 (D,F,G) D Nicholson 7-10-10 R Dunwoody
6 3221 DR ROCKET 26 (D,F,G) R Dickin 6-10-9 S Earle
7 34-3 BASIL THYME 175 (D,F,S) T Bailey 11-10-7 D Tegg
8 3PP0 RIVA'S TOUCH 24 (F,G) Mrs A King 8-10-5 —
9 2306 LORD ADMIRAL 26 (B,D,F) Mrs S Armytage 9-10-3 Gee Armytage

11-4 Market Leader, 7-2 Western Counties, 9-2 Dr Robert, 11-2 Tribute To Youth, 8-1 Mister Point, 10-1 others.

7.30 BOWLING GREEN HANDICAP CHASE (£3,414: 3m) (20)

1 102P SOONER STILL 26 (F,G,S) J Edwards 7-12-0 D Tegg
2 6842 KNOCK HILL 15 (C,D,F,G,S) J Webber 15-11-5 M Field (7)
3 6P2F CUMREW 21 (B,D,G,S) T Forster 11-11-3 J Railton
4 3131 BACKPACKER 26 (D,F,G) G Enright 11-11-2 M Perrett
5 1F12 TUG OF GOLD 9 (F,G) D Nicholson 6-11-2 R Dunwoody
6 2152 TOM BIR 24 (D,BF,F,S) A Turnell 9-11-2 S McNeill
7 12-B GAMBLING ROYAL 17 (G) C Roach 8-10-11 A Webb
8 244- COMEDY LANE 378 (D,F,G,S) D Barons 12-10-11 H Davies
9 0310 PITHY 10 (B,G,S) Mrs N Sharpe 9-10-10 —
10 P-PP TIGER TED 26 (B,F) P Bailey 11-10-10 C Maude (3)
11 24P6 DANDY MINSTREL 26 (F,G,S) E Wheeler 7-10-8 M Bowlby
12 FBP4 FRIENDLY HENRY 58 (B,D,S) J Fox 11-10-7 S Fox (7)
13 P432 SPLITTHEDIFFERENCE 16 (F) Mrs A Barclay 7-10-7 C Llewellyn
14 5023 GOODMAN POINT 12 (B,F,G,S) P Dalton 9-10-7 J O'Hanlon (7)
15 P56U IMPERIAL CHAMPAGNE 16 (G,S) Miss J Thorne 11-10-7 N Dawe
16 PUP5 MOUNT OLIVER 26 (D,F,G,S) R Dickin 13-10-7 Martin Jones (3)
17 4P60 THE QUOHEE 59 (S) J Baker 9-10-6 S Burrough (5)
18 4-06 WIGGBURN 23 (F,G,S) Mrs A Hewitt 12-10-2 W McFarland
19 UFP5 ROYAL GURKHA 141 (F,G,S) R Frost 11-10-1 J Frost
20 2625 ARDENT SPY 25 (D,F,G,S) W Clay 14-10-0 D Gallagher

13-2 Knock Hill, 7-1 Tug Of Gold, 8-1 Splitthedifference, 9-1 Cumrew, Tom Bir, 10-1 Backpacker, Wiggburn, 12-1 others.

8.00 GRANDSTAND HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,472: 2m) (26)

1 4000 ARTFUL ABBOT 21 (CD,F,S) J Webber 7-11-10 H Davies
2 -P40 ARSONIST 14 (D,F) A Blackmore 6-11-6 —
3 34-0 WEETMANS WAGON 14 (CD,G,S) B McMahon 7-11-6 Gary Lyons
4 4004 TAGIO 28 (F,G,S) (D) M Tate 11-11-4 V Slattery (7)
5 3021 HATS HIGH 15 (B,D,G,S) F Gray 6-11-3 M Crosse
6 0530 GREAT ASPECT 15 (D,F,S) K White 7-11-3 G McCourt
7 2220 HILL BEAGLE 40 (B,F,S) W Clay 11-11-0 C Llewellyn
8 2-60 KINGS VICTORY 26 (D,S) M Usher 7-10-13 G Bradley
9 13F5 STIRLING EXPRESS 7 (D,F) J Mackie 6-10-13 W Irvine
10 300- PLATONIC AFFAIR 483 (D,F,G,S) D Wilson 10-10-13 R Supple
11 0-33 HITCHENSTOWN 92 (S) M O'Neill 8-10-12 J J Quinn
12 5-3F DEPLETE 7 (D,G) D Nicholson 8-10-11 R Dunwoody
13 6F20 THE LIGHTER SIDE 14 (D,F,G) B Preece 5-10-11 Judy Davies (7)
14 122F LOCHERRE 24 (D,S) O Brennan 7-10-10 M Brennan
15 4243 CUT A CAPER 28F (CD,F,G,S) R O'Sullivan 9-10-9 —
16 51-3 ROCQUAINE 24 (D) K White 5-10-8 D Gallagher
17 14-1 DONOSTI 16 (D,F,G) R Lee 7-10-8 W McFarland
18 5200 SHADOW RUN 45 R Dickin 6-10-6 S Earle
19 5500 BOLD STREET BLUES 24 C Smith 4-10-9 D Bridgwater (5)
20 4331 SOCIETY GUEST 28 (D,F) A Turnell 5-10-6 S McNeill
21 6005 WOODCHESTER GLEN 14 (D,F,G) A Fowler 7-10-6 D Byrne
22 5P00 PLAGUE O' RATS 16 (F) R Frost 7-10-5 J Frost
23 4053 LAVA FALLS 14 (D,F) M Banks 5-10-2 D Skyrme
24 5305 MOST INTERESTING 16 (CD,G) G Jones 8-10-2 —
25 465- CONE LANE 12F (CD,F) B Gubby 6-10-0 S Smith Eccles
26 40BP CONSTRUCTION KING 25 R Dickin 5-10-0 NON-RUNNER

6-1 Donosti, 7-1 Hats High, 8-1 Rocquaine, 9-1 Society Guest, Deplete, 10-1 Stirling Express, 12-1 Hitchenstown, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: A Blackmore, 3 winners from 7 runners, 42.9%; N Tinkler, 8 from 21, 38.1%; O Sherwood, 26 from 78, 33.3%; G Enright, 4 from 14, 28.6%; R Holder, 28 from 102, 27.5%; J Jenkins, 36 from 136, 26.5%.

JOCKEYS: M Brennan, 4 winners from 15 rides, 26.7%; P Scudamore, 50 from 225, 22.2%; N Mann, 3 from 17, 17.6%; M Pitman, 6 from 38, 15.8%; M Perrett, 6 from 39, 15.4%; G Bradley, 5 from 33, 15.2%.

MARKET RASEN

MANDARIN

2.15 Skeletor. 2.45 Admiral's Leap. 3.15 Highland Bidder. 3.50 Glass Mountain. 4.20 Fortan Prince. 4.55 Henfold Lane. 5.25 Adjaristan. 5.55 Charlie Mingus.

THUNDERER

2.15 Sweet N' Twenty. 2.45 Admiral's Leap. 3.15 Fortlimon. 3.50 Glass Mountain. 4.20 Sweet Glow. 4.55 Island Jetsetter. 5.25 Adjaristan. 5.55 Charlie Mingus.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM

2.15 RED LION CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS NOVICES HURDLE (£2,456: 2m 1f) (13 runners)

1 1141 SKELETOR 52 (G,S) T Tate 6-11-6 W Fry (5)
2 1612 ULLSWATER 12 (CD,F,S) A Reid 5-11-6 P Barnard
3 5311 SWEET N' TWENTY 10 (D,F,G,S) M Pipe 5-11-3 —
4 0P0/ BEATTY'S LAD 947 R Thompson 7-10-12 N Williams (7)
5 40BP CONSTRUCTION KING 25 (B) R Dickin 5-10-12 D Meredith (5)
6 6P4/ DONTPUSHME 788 B Ellison 10-10-12 N Roche (5)
7 3850 MY SWAN SONG 56 J Smith 6-10-12 D Bridgwater (5)
8 -PPP ORCHIPEDZO 24 R Dickin 6-10-12 Martin Jones
9 0 SPRING TO IT 26 A Turnell 5-10-12 D Fortt (7)
10 0 GIVE IN 12F Mrs N Macauley 4-10-7 C Roberts (7)
11 00-3 MIDWEEK MELODY 245 C Broad 5-10-7 W Marston (5)
12 0-04 SUPREME ISSUE 11 J Glover 5-10-7 S D Williams
13 05 O'BERON'S DAUGHTER 48F R Thompson 4-10-2 Judy Davies (5)

5-6 Skeletor, 11-8 Sweet N' Twenty, 14-1 My Swan Song, 16-1 Supreme Issue, Ullswater, 20-1 Give In, 33-1 others.

2.45 WHITE SWAN NOVICES CHASE (£2,841: 3m) (12)

1 0531 ADMIRAL'S LEAP 14 (D,F,S) Mrs F Walwyn 7-11-10 P Verling (3)
2 P-P0 ANTHONY HILL 14 (B) N Bycroft 10-11-4 R Marley
3 P/4- BIT OF A DANDY 550 (F) J Harris 10-11-4 J A Harris
4 PPPU K C'S DANCER 21 R Dickin 8-11-4 M Brennan
5 -0P6 MOUNT EATON FOX 28 D Greig 8-11-4 R Beggan
6 PF5P PIGEON ISLAND 14 P Blockley 9-11-4 —
7 FP QUEST FOR SUCCESS 7 J Mackie 7-11-4 S J O'Neill
8 -00F SEVERN INVADER 21 R Dickin 8-11-4 G McCourt
9 PF2 TANAGHMORE LAD 7 P Hedger 10-11-4 M Richards
10 /P63 GOOSE GREEN 11 P Butler 11-10-13 W Elderfield
11 /00F STARLACE 7 T Casey 8-10-13 M Lynch
12 5P44 ISOBAR 14 (F) M Chapman 5-10-9 W Worthington

4-6 Admiral's Leap, 9-2 Tanaghmore Lad, 8-1 Isobar, 10-1 Severn Invader, 12-1 Bit Of A Dandy, 20-1 Mount Eaton Fox, 25-1 others.

3.15 KINGS HEAD SELLING HURDLE (£1,887: 2m 6f) (14)

1 41P6 FORTLIMON 26 (B,BF,G,S) M Pipe 5-12-6 —
2 40FF ALBERT PLACE 14 K Morgan 5-11-7 G McCourt
3 F40F BADGERS GIFT 26 (B) T Caldwell 5-11-7 Peter Caldwell
4 3250 COUGAR 53 Mrs S Austin 5-11-7 D Wilkinson
5 060P FOSTERS FOLLY 11 J Walmsley 5-11-7 S Turner
6 FP64 ELECTRESS 11 (B) Andrew Turnell 5-11-2 D Fortt (7)
7 4066 NET CALL 26 N Smith 5-11-2 N Williams (7)
8 2362 ROYAL MAZI 14F (V,F) C Beaver 4-11-2 G Bradley
9 5-00 SUKEY TAWDRY 75 P Butler 5-11-2 W Elderfield
10 4433 BOLD ROCKET 93 C Beaver 4-11-0 M Drongan (7)
11 P043 FLORET 14 (B) W Wilson 4-11-0 J McLaughlin
12 060P LITTLE SAFFRONS 33 (B) T Cunningham 4-11-0 S Cunningham
13 0040 PHOENIX JULE 60 B Crawford 4-11-0 R Beggan
14 0522 HIGHLAND BIDDER 11 (V) G Eden 4-10-9 P Barnard (5)

9-4 Highland Bidder, 5-2 Fortlimon, 6-1 Royal Mazi, 15-2 Cougar, 10-1 Bold Rocket, Floret, 12-1 Badgers Gift, 14-1 others.

3.50 GORDON ARMS HANDICAP CHASE (£3,980: 2m 6f) (7)

1 3513 GREY TORNADO 22 (F) C Popham 10-11-10 M Richards
2 1-14 GLASS MOUNTAIN 10 (C,F,G) G Moore 9-11-9 G McCourt
3 05F3 THE NIGELSTAN 16 (G,S) P Hedger 10-11-9 S Smith Eccles
4 P2P4 HEADIN' ON 17 (D,F,G) K Bridgwater 11-11-7 M Lynch
5 PPUP OUTLAW 7 (F,G,S) J Edwards 12-11-5 —
6 -410 INSPECTOR BEN 28 (CD,F,S) J Smith 12-10-7 B de Haan
7 PP24 VALENTINOS JOY 23 (C,F,G,S) G Oldroyd 12-10-3 Ger Lyons

13-8 Glass Mountain, 4-1 Grey Tornado, 9-2 The Nigelstan, 5-1 Headin' On, 8-1 Outlaw, 14-1 others.

4.20 GEORGE JUVENILE CLAIMING HURDLE (£2,267: 2m 1f) (16)

1 282 SWEET GLOW 134 (BF) M Pipe 11-6 —
2 0210 WEAREAGRANDMOTHER 9 (F,S) Granville Richards 11-6 R Beggan
3 010 KINGS ALDERMAN 26 (F) W Musson 11-2 G Bradley
4 00 ALLENDALE 215 N Smith 11-0 N Williams (7)
5 5508 HOLDFORTH 46 W Haigh 11-0 Ger Lyons
6 000 ACCEPTED DATE 26 (V) J Harris 10-12 J A Harris
7 653 MARSH'S LAW 11 O Brennan 10-12 M Brennan
8 4F0P ISABEAU 12F (CD,G) K Morgan 10-10 D Byrne
9 000 WINSLOW LAD 28 T Casey 10-10 —
10 0504 FREE EDUCATION 26 P Hedger 10-8 M Richards
11 054 FORTAN PRINCE 26 (V) T Thomson Jones 10-6 Miss S Billot
12 6 DENCAST 260 M Chapman 10-5 W Worthington
13 PP0P EARL GRAY 19 (B) M W Easterby 10-5 C Ryan (7)
14 VICTORIA'S DELIGHT 273F K Bridgwater 10-5 W Humphreys
15 00 SAKURA DANCER 7 J Bradley 10-1 L Harvey
16 000 KATANGO BEAT 96 P Blockley 10-0 —

11-4 Free Education, 5-1 Fortan Prince, Sweet Glow, 9-1 Marsh's Law, Weareagrandmother, 10-1 Holdforth, 12-1 others.

4.55 ASTON ARMS NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£2,968: 2m 1f) (17)

1 F013 ANDY BOY 21 (F) T Casey 7-11-10 M Lynch
2 2223 ISLAND JETSETTER 16F (C,G) N Tinkler 5-11-9 G McCourt
3 PP30 AFRICAN SAFARI 11 (F) Mrs S Smith 7-11-8 D Wilkinson
4 UF1P BILL AND COUP 14 (G) K Morgan 6-11-5 —
5 4642 CARA MUFFIN 7 J Mackie 7-11-4 S J O'Neill
6 63PU CONTACT KELVIN 14 (G,S) N Bycroft 9-11-2 R Marley
7 P04P JUST A HALF 94 (S) D McCain 9-11-2 Mr D McCain (7)
8 2302 TRIVET 28 (F) P Bevan 8-11-1 D Gallagher
9 -305 GREYSBY 28 (V,C,G,S) O Brennan 9-11-0 M Brennan
10 0341 HENFOLD LANE 15 (F) T Etherington 8-11-0 R Supple
11 PP55 MALICHO 11 (G) T Donnelly 8-10-13 C Kellett
12 6061 BLOXHAM 15 (F) F Jordan 6-10-13 J Lodder
13 2P00 SILLY SAUSAGE 15 J Bradley 8-10-9 —
14 0PF6 WACKERS MAGIC 7 R Hollinshead 7-10-9 Gary Lyons
15 0264 ROYAL BEAR 15 J Bradley 9-10-9 L Harvey
16 0240 JOMANA 22 J Bradley 5-10-9 F Murtagh (7)
17 6520 LITTLE BRYMA 28 (B) L Perry 9-10-9 W Worthington

3-1 Henfold Lane, 9-2 Trivet, 6-1 Andy Boy, 7-1 Island Jetsetter, 8-1 Bloxham, Malicho, 10-1 Little Bryma, 14-1 others.

5.25 LEVY BOARD NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (Div I: £2,072: 1m 6f) (14)

1 0-0 BRABINER KING 161 J Wharton 6-11-6 B Dalton (7)
2 00 FRED FOR FUN 14 R Thompson 5-11-6 F Murtagh (7)
3 TULLETT PLACE P Craggs 5-11-6 Mr P Craggs
4 WASHAKIE F Walton 6-11-6 Mr A Robson
5 60 ARCTIC BLOOM 141 (B) G Oldroyd 5-11-1 P Midgley (7)
6 0 ADJARISTAN 14 R Johnson Houghton 4-11-0 R Hodge (7)
7 GAZZA B Ellison 4-11-0 B McGill (5)
8 OLD REDWOOD D McCain 4-11-0 Mr D McCain
9 56 RIO AZUL 9 D Bell 4-11-0 P Kelly (7)
10 UNDER OATH Denys Smith 4-11-0 P Waggott (7)
11 0 FURRY BABY 36 M Avison 4-10-9 —
12 0 GAFF'S GAMBLE 25 O Brennan 4-10-9 S Ryan (7)
13 5 MERRY MAGGIE 17 O Brennan 4-10-9 Helen Brennan (7)
14 0 MISS JEDD 64 W Young 4-10-9 D J Moffatt (7)

7-4 Adjaristan, 7-2 Under Oath, 6-1 Old Redwood, 15-2 Gazza, 10-1 Washakie, 12-1 Gaff's Gamble, 14-1 others.

5.55 LEVY BOARD NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (Div II: £2,072: 1m 6f) (13)

1 0 COTSWOLD CASTLE 49 R Dickin 5-11-6 D Meredith (7)
2 EARLHAM O Brennan 5-11-6 Helen Brennan (7)
3 0 FREIGHT KING 14 Mrs D Haine 5-11-6 C Huggan (7)
4 0 THE ETRUSCAN 50 O Brennan 5-11-6 S Ryan (7)
5 4-6 TRILL ALONG 7 E Weymes 5-11-6 F Murtagh (7)
6 0/0 NELLIE LARKINS 9 M Wilkinson 6-11-1 P Kelly (7)
7 CHARLIE MINGUS M Robinson 4-11-0 P Barnard (3)
8 06 MARINER'S WALK 9 J Bradley 4-11-0 —
9 SOVIET BUN C Beaver 4-11-0 B McGill
10 TOMMY MOORE Mrs A King 4-11-0 M Cragan (7)
11 LOCHEART LADY A Stringer 4-10-9 Mr N Wilson (7)
12 4 MISS CORVARO 35 J Wainwright 4-10-9 M Carter (7)
13 WAYS AND MEANS Mrs S Mollett 4-10-9 —

5-2 Charlie Mingus, 7-2 Miss Corvaro, 9-2 Tommy Moore, 6-1 Trill Along, 8-1 Mariner's Walk, 10-1 Freight King, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Pipe, 21 winners from 57 runners, 36.8%; N Tinkler, 17 from 66, 25.8%; T Tate, 3 from 14, 21.4%; M W Easterby, 18 from 85, 21.2%; J Wharton, 6 from 30, 20.0%; J Glover, 8 from 42, 19.0%.

JOCKEYS: R Hodge, 3 winners from 6 rides, 50.0%; S Smith Eccles, 13 from 40, 32.5%; G McCourt, 22 from 68, 32.4%; G Bradley, 14 from 54, 25.9%; D Byrne, 15 from 69, 21.7%; B McGill, 5 from 27, 18.5%.

Sandown

Going: (straight) good; (round) good to soft.

2.0 (5f) 1, WALK THAT WALK (M Roberts, 3-1); 2, Chance To Dream (B Rouse, 9-1); 3, Hay Yuen (Pat Eddery, 100-30). ALSO RAN: 9-4 fav Cap Camarat (6th), 14 Hasty Shuffle (5th), Sara Anne (4th), 25 Ranch Forward. 7 ran. NR: Tricky Vera. 1½l, nk, 1½l, ½l, 1l. C Brittain at Newmarket. Tote: £3.20; £1.80, £3.70. DF: £13.30. CSF: £28.96. 1min 03.17sec.

2.35 (1m) 1, FIFE (R Hills, 25-1); 2, Mellaby (Pat Eddery, 2-1); 3, Altaasrea (W Carson, 100-30). ALSO RAN: 11-10 fav Suomi (4th), 25 Bright Sea (5th). 5 ran. Hd, 3l, ¾l, ¾l. B Hills at Lambourn. Tote: £22.30; £2.90, £1.50. DF: £30.80. CSF: £69.14. 1min 44.36sec.

3.05 (5f) 1, ACCESS TRAVEL (L Dettori, 15-2); 2, Bold Lez (B Raymond, 9-4 fav); 3, Bertie Wooster (M Roberts, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Cumbrian Waltzer (5th), 13-2 Chilibey (4th), 7 Joe Sugden, 14 Our Freddie, Harry's Coming, 16 Ski Captain, 20 Aughfad (6th), Frimley Parkson (ur), 100 Barbezieux. 12 ran. NR: Miami Banker. Sh hd, 1½l, ¾l, 2l, 3l. R Boss at Newmarket. Tote: £8.70; £2.10, £1.70, £2.90. DF: £23.70. CSF: £24.88. Tricast: £224.83. 1min 00.61sec.

3.40 (1m) 1, IN THE GROOVE (S Cauthen, 15-8); 2, Zoman (T Quinn, 7-4 fav); 3, Aldbourne (L Piggott, 13-2). ALSO RAN: 100-30 Bold Russian (4th), 50 Amany. 5 ran. 1l, 2½l, 2½l, 12l. D Elsworth at Whitsbury. Tote: £2.80; £1.40, £1.30. DF: £2.10. CSF: £5.25. 1min 42.45sec.

4.10 (1m 6f) 1, ENDOLI (M Roberts, 7-1); 2, Pharamineux (N Adams, 8-1); 3, Vayrua (R Cochrane, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 100-30 fav Local Derby (5th), 4 Rhodes (4th), 10 Major Inquiry, Petite Rosanna, 12 Non Constat, 14 Haitham (6th), 16 Nikitas, 20 Monarda. 11 ran. NR: First Victory, Oshawa. 8l, 1½l, sh hd, nk, 2l. C Brittain at Newmarket. Tote: £8.00; £2.90, £2.80, £2.60. DF: £70.70. CSF: £56.64. Tricast: £510.05. 3min 01.36sec. After a stewards' enquiry result stood.

4.45 (1m 2f) 1, IKEBANA (W Ryan, 13-2); 2, Sought Out (L Piggott, 5-1); 3, Midfinna (B Raymond, 9-4 fav). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Mountain Bloom (6th), 5 Satanic Dance, 12 Mafatin, 20 Adjacent (5th), Give Me Hope, 25 Administer, 33 Dutch Czarina, Lara's Baby, Seal Indigo, Nieni (4th). 13 ran. 5l, nk, hd, 6l, 2½l. H Cecil at Newmarket. Tote: £8.50; £2.70, £1.60, £1.90. DF: £23.20. CSF: £36.39. 2min 09.34sec.

5.15 (1m 2f) 1, GOLD LAW (T Quinn, 8-1); 2, Caromandoo (M Roberts, 12-1); 3, Hellespont (W Ryan, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 5 jt-fav Mudaffar, Dawn Grey (6th), 6 Nassab, Corley Boy, 8 Port Sunlight (4th), 10 Hold Court, 14 Paris of Troy (5th), 20 Weekday Cross. 11 ran. ¾l, hd, ¾l, 5l, 2½l. P Cole at Whatcombe. Tote: £8.10; £2.00, £3.50, £4.10. DF: £36.90. CSF: £68.79. Tricast: £1000.82. 2min 10.51sec.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £270,790.80 carried forward to Sandown today).

Placepot: £839.30.

Carlisle

Going: good to firm

2.15 (6f) 1, Gondo (M Hills, 8-1); 2, Stack Rock (25-1); 3, Blue Mischief (9-1); 4, Twilight Falls (9-2 fav). 16 ran. ½l, ¾l, 1l. E Alston. Tote: £7.70; £3.60, £20.10, £3.20, £1.80. DF: £615.50. CSF: £169.02. Tricast: £1,671.88.

2.45 (5f) 1, Windpower (J Carroll, 7-4 fav); 2, Intrepid Fort (14-1); 3, Governor's Imp (2-1). 12 ran. NR: Down Marley. 1l, 2l. J Berry. Tote: £2.80; £1.40, £2.20, £1.10. DF: £24.10. CSF: £28.58.

3.20 (7f) 1, Mr Snail (G Duffield, 10-1); 2, Friendly Claim (4-1); 3, Zeppeki (7-2). Saint Caligula 11-4 fav. 9 ran. 3½l, 1l. M Prescott. Tote: £8.90; £1.50, £1.70, £1.20. DF: £13.80. CSF: £43.78.

3.50 (7f) 1, Good Profile (K Darley, 6-1); 2, Victoria Road (7-1); 3, Indian Slave (7-1). Field Of Honour 4-6 fav. 9 ran. 1½l, 2½l. S Norton. Tote: £6.30; £1.10, £1.70, £2.80. DF: £5.60. CSF: £38.04. After stewards' enquiry, result stood.

4.20 (1m) 1, Gymcrak Premiere (M Birch, 2-1 fav); 2, Run For Nick (4-1); 3, Execution Only (16-1). 9 ran. 1½l, ¾l. M H Easterby. Tote: £3.00; £1.30, £1.60, £2.50. DF: £7.40. CSF: £10.41. Tricast: £91.85.

4.55 (1m) 1, Kazoo (Dean McKeown, 1-3 fav); 2, Perky Dancer (11-4); 3, Channon Hill (25-1). 8 ran. NR: Vado Via. 2½l, 7l. J Watts. Tote: £1.30. DF: £1.10. CSF: £1.47.

5.25 (7f) 1, Laurel Queen (J Carroll, 11-4); 2, Deazem (9-1); 3, Nishoor (2-1 fav). 9 ran. 10l, ½l. J Berry. Tote: £2.50; £1.10, £3.20, £1.60. DF: £11.60. CSF: £24.76.

5.55 (1m 4f) 1, Crimson Cloud (Kim Tinkler, 20-1); 2, Our Aisling (8-1); 3, Glow Of Summer (6-1). Red Secret 7-2 fav. 13 ran. 2l, ¾l. N Tinkler. Tote: £38.50; £8.00, £2.20, £2.20. DF: £561.70. CSF: £153.19. Tricast: £984.43.

Placepot: £22.10.

Southwell

Going: good to firm (chase course); standard (hurdles)

2.30 (2m hdle) 1, Ling (G Bradley, 10-1); 2, Straight Laced (14-1); 3, Native Scot (7-1). Kentire 10-11 fav. 16 ran. 5l, 20l. D Murray Smith. Tote: £8.20; £3.10, £3.00, £1.50. DF: £43.90. CSF: £130.36.

3.00 (2m hdle) 1, Colour Scheme (P Scudamore, 4-5 fav); 2, Sweet 'N' Low (7-2); 3, Flash Bulb (20-1). 13 ran. NR: Buzancher. 10l, 20l. M Pipe. Tote: £1.70; £1.10, £1.10, £5.30. DF: £2.40. CSF: £4.75.

3.30 (2m 4f hdle) 1, Sandsumo (R Dunwoody, 6-4 fav); 2, Rowlandsons Trophy (20-1); 3, Red Hackle (7-2). 7 ran. NR: Silver Strings. 5l, ½l. M Tompkins. Tote: £3.10; £2.60, £22.50. DF: £18.30. CSF: £25.45. Tricast: £87.29.

4.00 (3m 100yd ch) 1, Over And Above (R Dunwoody, 5-1); 2, Red Columbia (3-1 fav); 3, Tophatter (6-1). 9 ran. NR: Leaguane, Ainsty Fox, Pamoic. 7l, 20l. N Henderson. Tote: £6.40; £1.60, £1.50, £1.80. DF: £7.20. CSF: £18.71. Tricast: £104.60.

4.30 (3m 100yd ch) 1, Wood Singer (Mr C Burnett Wells, 16-1); 2, Our Tinker (8-1); 3, Knockumshin (5-2). Lady Newton 8-11 fav. 9 ran. NR: Ticarc. 15l, 12l. G Luck. Tote: £20.90; £5.50, £1.50, £1.60. DF (1st or 2nd with any other): £1.50. CSF: £122.97.

5.00 (2m ch) 1, Simple Pleasure (A Orkney, 4-1); 2, Expeditious (8-1); 3, Indian (20-1). Mowthorpe 6-4 fav. 9 ran. NR: Desert Emperor, Straight Down, Trivet. 5l, 6l. Mrs M Stirk. Tote: £4.00; £1.70, £2.10, £2.10. DF: £16.60. CSF: £34.08. Tricast: £520.97.

5.30 (3m 100yd ch) 1, Proverbial Luck (Mr J Greenall, 8-4); 2, Certain Rhythm (6-4 fav); 3, Another Troup (15-2). 10 ran. NR: Fifty Bucks. 5l, 8l. J Greenall. Tote: £4.10; £1.80, £1.40, £1.90. DF: £4.60. CSF: £5.78.

Placepot: £98.60.

Evening racing, page 35

Brittain's French raid

SIKESTON, from Clive Brittain's in-form Newmarket stable, contests tomorrow's £55,000 Prix Ganay at Longchamp, the first group one race in France this season.

Brittain has had this race in mind since Sikeston finished second to Panoramic in the Prix d'Harcourt at Longchamp earlier this month, beaten one-and-a-half lengths. With a 7lb advantage over that rival tomorrow, his chance is obvious. Michael Roberts rides.

Kartajana, the best of the Aga Khan's fillies to leave Britain last autumn after his rift with the Jockey Club, finished an encouraging fourth in the Harcourt and she must also be respected in a small but select seven-runner field.

Steve Cauthen, Panoramic's rider in the Ganay, is also in action in France today when he partners Sheikh Mohammed's Wajd, probable favourite for the group three Prix Corrida at Saint-Cloud.

Hanbury runs two in Italy

BEN Hanbury's duo Red Rainbow (Bruce Raymond) and Full Of Pluck (Alan Munro), John Dunlop's Time Gentlemen (Willie Carson) and Willie Jarvis's El Dinero (Vincenzo Mezzatesta), form a quartet of British challengers for the group one Premio Parioli (Italian 2,000 Guineas) in Rome tomorrow.

Dermot Weld's Golden Mintage (Michael Kinane) is the sole Irish representative while Lester Piggott and Lanfranco Dettori ride the locally-trained Kohinoor and Prospective Ruler respectively.

Racing next week

MONDAY: Wolverhampton, Pontefract, †Windsor, †Hexham.

TUESDAY: Bath, Nottingham, †Ascot, †Sedgefield.

WEDNESDAY: Ascot, Kelso, †Cheltenham.

THURSDAY: Newmarket, Redcar, Salisbury, †Newton Abbot.

FRIDAY: Newmarket, Hamilton Park, Newton Abbot.

SATURDAY: Newmarket, Haydock Park, Thirsk, Hereford, Uttoxeter, †Hexham.

Flat meetings in bold.

† *Denotes evening meeting.*

هكذا من الاصل

هكذا عن الاهل

Cahervillahow can strike gold for Irish

FOLLOWING the victories of Arkle in 1965 and Drumlargan in 1983, Cahervillahow now looks capable of becoming only the third Irish-trained winner of the Whitbread Gold Cup

MICHAEL PHILLIPS

Having won only one race this season, a valuable prize such as this will be no more than the Michael Morris-trained seven-year-old deserves as his overall record stands up well to scrutiny.

While Cahervillahow clearly excelled when beating one as talented as Blitzkreig over only two-and-a-half miles at Leopardstown in December, his form over here when placed both before and since was every bit as good.

In November he was a close third behind Arctic Call and Master Bob in the Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup at Newbury where the going underfoot was fast; at Cheltenham in March it took a stayer as good as the subsequent Grand National winner Seagram to prevent him from winning the Ritz Club National Hunt Handicap Chase.

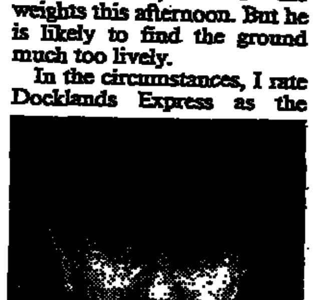
Seagram will attempt to emulate Mr Frisk who is the only horse to have won the National and the Whitbread in the same season. But I prefer Cahervillahow now that he is 3lb better off compared with Cheltenham.

In his only subsequent race, Cahervillahow was beaten a short head by Omerta in the Irish Grand National over today's trip at Fairyhouse where he was attempting to give that in-form horse 17lb.

Since then Omerta, who is now 2lb worse off, has had to endure another hard race just a week ago at Ayr where he was runner-up in the Scottish National.

Stable companion Bonanza Boy, who struggled on to finish fifth behind Seagram in the National, heads the weights this afternoon. But he is likely to find the ground much too lively.

In the circumstances, I rate Docklands Express as the main danger to Cahervillahow. His fall in the National, which was totally out of character, was caused simply by the speed at which he attacked the first fence.



Elsworth: runs Jaffa Line against colts in Derby trial

Docklands Express had earlier run a good second behind Cool Ground over today's course and distance in January when everything was in Cool Ground's favour.

Durham Edition and Wont Be Gone Long, second and fourth respectively 12 months ago, try again with the weights now favouring Durham Edition.

Dick Hern, who sent Troy and Henbit out to win the Thresher Classic Trial before they won their Derby, now relies upon the classically-bred Jahafil.

However, as he looked woefully short of finishing speed when I watched him struggle into second place in the Royal Lodge Stakes at Ascot last September, I am happy to take a chance now with Jaffa Line, who is the principal reason for Cash Asmussen's presence at Sandown this afternoon.

David Elsworth, her green-fingered trainer, clearly has some smart fillies in his stable this spring, and the Whitsbury trainer believes that this daughter of High Line, who won twice at Goodwood last summer, could well prove equal to the occasion.

RIPON

MANDARIN

2.15 My Abbey. 2.45 Rive-Jumelle. 3.15 Star Player. 3.45 Playful Poet. 4.15 Tino Tere. 4.45 Blackwaterfoot. 5.15 Man Of Gold.

THUNDERER

2.15 Never Late. 2.45 Smiles Ahead. 3.15 Steppey Lane. 3.45 Amron. 4.15 Tino Tere. 4.45 Kadan. 5.15 Noble Society.

Michael Seely: 3.15 **STAR PLAYER** (nap).

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 4.45 **BLACKWATERFOOT** (nap).

GOING: GOOD DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE

2.15 RAINTON MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES
(2-Y-O: £2,700: 5f) (17 runners)

1 05 ABSOLUTLEY FOXED 14 B McMahon 8-11 Ron Hills (3) 16
2 AMOUREUSE E Owen jun 8-11 C Dwyer 6
3 ANGELS ANSWER Mrs J Jordan 8-11 W Ryan 12
4 ANNA MANANA W Pearce 8-11 D Nicholls 3
5 3 AYR HEAD 28 M W Easterby 8-11 R P Elliott 14
6 0 BLUNHAM EXPRESS 15 T Fairhurst 8-11 J Fanning (5) 15
7 ELEGANT TOUCH M Moubarak 8-11 A Cruz 2
8 GREETLAND FOLLY R Whitaker 8-11 A Culhane 13
9 MEMSAHB J Berry 8-11 J Carroll 8
10 2 MY ABBEY 24 E Alston 8-11 K Fallon 5
11 NATIONAL MIST C Thornton 8-11 J Quinn 17
12 4 NEVER LATE 18 M H Easterby 8-11 P Burke 1
13 0 RELATIVELY RISKY 15 M W Easterby 8-11 L Charnock 4
14 2 SALLY TADPOLE 12 J Hetherton 8-11 J Lowe 7
15 SCOTTISH PARK J Leigh 8-11 Dean McKeown 11
16 SWING O'THE KILT P Calver 8-11 S Perks 10
17 TONG-LA-TEE C Thornton 8-11 J Bleasdale 9

9-4 Memsahb, 7-2 Elegant Touch, 11-2 My Abbey, 10-1 Sally Tadpole, 12-1 Tong-La-Tee, Absolutely Foxed, Ayr Head.

2.45 BISHOPTON SELLING STAKES
(3-Y-O: £2,857: 1m 2f) (17)

1 40-2 SMILES AHEAD 3 (G) J Hetherton 9-7 C Dwyer 1
2 2-00 ARALDO BLU 9 W Pearce 9-0 D Nicholls 13
3 0-56 DERRING PET 3 J Parkes 9-0 J Lowe 17
4 20-0 FRIDAY FOURBALL 17 E Weymes 9-0 K Fallon 8
5 504- INDEPENDENT AIR 207 D Thom 9-0 S Webster 16
6 6-20 JOHNS GAMBLE 26 (B) T Fairhurst 9-0 J Fanning (5) 15
7 40-4 MASHHOR JOHN 10 D Morley 9-0 Dean McKeown 12
8 0 SNO MARQUE 33 R Boss 9-0 — 11
9 00- STONE RUN 200 A Stringer 9-0 P Burke 5
10 TWO'S AGAINST W Pearce 9-0 A Bacon 7
11 0600 ANDERSON ROSE 16 J Wilson 8-9 W Ryan 6
12 BETTER BE BOLD M Johnston 8-9 R P Elliott 10
13 000- EXHELLA 172 K McCauley 8-9 L Charnock 3
14 050- FIRESLOW 175 J Toller 8-9 Jaki Houston (7) 4
15 6 LOVES REVENGE 8 R Whitaker 8-9 A Culhane 14
16 22-0 RIVE-JUMELLE 28 M Bell 8-9 J Carroll 2
17 350- SWISS BEAUTY 219 Miss S Hall 8-9 — 9

3-1 Mashhor John, 11-2 Smiles Ahead, 6-1 Rive-Jumelle, 7-1 John's Gamble, 10-1 Loves Revenge, 12-1 others.

3.15 C B HUTCHINSON MEMORIAL HANDICAP
(£7,375: 2m) (12)

1 600- GOOD HAND 189 (CD,F) J Watts 5-9-10 Dean McKeown 8
2 /10/ SMART PERFORMER 9J (G) N Tinkler 6-9-8 Kim Tinkler 7
3 226- FRENCH IVY 9J Mrs A King 4-9-8 D Nicholls 5
4 053/ SIESTA KEY 645 (F,G) M Johnston 6-9-7 R P Elliott 2
5 /21 STAR PLAYER 15 (D,F) J Baker 5-9-2 W Ryan 11
6 310- TIQUETEEN 169 (F) P Calver 4-9-0 S Perks 10
7 1311 STEPPEY LANE 12 (F,G,S) W Haigh 6-8-8 J Carroll 1
8 952- GOLDEN 207 (F) W Elsey 4-8-4 L Charnock 3
9 0-02 PRINCE SOBUR 8 (S) M Blanshard 5-8-3 J Quinn 6
10 56-0 AMBUSCADE 15 G Moore 5-8-2 A Cruz 12
11 6-30 PEARL RUN 10 (F,G,S) E Alston 10-7-9 J Fanning (5) 9
12 1-00 EMERITUS 10 (B,D,G) W Bentley 4-7-7 J Lowe 4

100-30 Prince Sobur, 4-1 Star Player, 5-1 Steppey Lane, 7-1 Golden, 8-1 Good Hand, 9-1 Tiqueteen, 12-1 Pearl Run.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: J Gosden, 4 winners from 13 runners, 30.8%; L Cumani, 11 from 41, 26.8%; J Berry, 17 from 104, 16.3%; F Durr, 3 from 20, 15.0%; J H Wilson, 3 from 27, 11.1%; W Musson, 3 from 28, 10.7%.

JOCKEYS: G Baxter, 8 winners from 21 rides, 38.1%; W Ryan, 13 from 77, 16.9%; J Carroll, 10 from 86, 11.6%; J Fortune, 5 from 46, 10.9%; W Newnes, 3 from 29, 10.3%; K Fallon, 6 from 59, 10.2%.

Blinkered first time

LEICESTER: 4.30 Hardiheroine. RIPON: 3.15 Emeritus.

3.45 YORKSHIRE TELEVISION HANDICAP
(£4,077: 6f) (23)

1 40-0 RANCHO MIRAGE 14 (G) J Watts 4-10-0 Dean McKeown 8
2 1126 ERRIS EXPRESS 14 (CD,F,G) F Durr 6-9-13 G Baxter 11
3 06-0 PROFILIC 16 (CD,F,G,S) J H Wilson 6-9-13 S Perks 21
4 1-60 PLAYFUL POET 7 (BF,S) M H Easterby 4-9-10 K Fallon 7
5 240- J CHEEVER LOOPHOLE 158 (D,F,S) C Tinkler 6-9-9 P Burke 17
6 0112 TOO EAGER 10 (BF,D,F,G,S) M W Easterby 5-9-9 R P Elliott 15
7 210- NORFOLKIEV 194 (D,G) M Moubarak 5-9-7 A Cruz 4
8 -030 FIGMENT 7 (B,D,F) D Chapman 4-9-7 S Wood (3) 6
9 0130 NORDIC BRAVE 4 (CD,F,S) M Brittain 5-9-5 M Wigham 10
10 R0 CATHERINES WELL 10 (CD,F,G,S) M W Easterby 8-9-3 J Bleasdale 13
11 30-0 DRUM SERGEANT 10 J Parkes 4-9-3 S Webster 18
12 -101 AMRON 10 (D,G,S) J Berry 4-9-3 J Carroll 3
13 111- SEA DEVIL 173 (D,S) M Camacho 5-9-2 A Culhane 9
14 801- RELENTLESS PURSUIT 169 (D) P Chapple-Hyam 3-9-1 W Ryan 19
15 -001 SUNSET DREAMS 12 (D,F) J Czerpak 4-8-12 S Drowne (7) 5
16 2031 VERDANT BOY 12 (CD,F,G,S) K McCauley 8-8-11 D Nicholls 2
17 00-6 HENRY WILL 3 (CD,F,G,S) T Fairhurst 7-8-10 J Fanning (5) 22
18 /6-0 MADELEY'S PET 9 D Smith 4-8-10 Gail Collingwood (7) 20
19 0-04 SAMAIN 12 Pat Mitchell 4-8-5 Ron Hills (3) 16
20 6-20 SPANISH HARLEM 10 (F) Mrs J Ramsden 5-8-1 J Lowe 1
21 400- FILICAIA 173 (CD,F,G) Don Enrico Incisa 5-8-0 Kim Tinkler 12
22 00-0 HOT TOOTSIE 26 (D,F,G) J Balding 4-7-13 J Fortune 14
23 0-00 ANOTHER MARCH 8 (CD,G) T Barron 5-7-7 L Charnock 23

6-1 Amron, 13-2 Too Eager, 7-1 Verdant Boy, 10-1 Sea Devil, Sunset Dreams, 11-1 Figment, 12-1 Rancho Mirage.

4.15 LITTLETHORPE MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O colts and geldings: £2,611: 5f) (14)

1 55 AHURA 15 (15) N Tinkler 9-0 Kim Tinkler 13
2 CASHTAL RUNNER Mrs J Jordan 9-0 W Ryan 6
3 0 COASTAL EXPRESS 10 (10) E Weymes 9-0 A Culhane 11
4 22 CO-CHIN 17 (17) D Moffatt 9-0 J Quinn 9
5 DUBLIN STAR M Brittain 9-0 M Wigham 3
6 INKOSI F Lee 9-0 Dean McKeown 8
7 L'AMOUR PRECIEUX M W Easterby 9-0 R P Elliott 1
8 PERSONAL HAZARD M H Easterby 9-0 J Lowe 7
9 PHIL-MAN T Fairhurst 9-0 J Fanning (5) 5
10 RUNNING FOR COVER J O'Neill 9-0 K Fallon 10
11 SPANISH EXPRESS R Boss 9-0 — 4
12 THE DANDY DON Denys Smith 9-0 J Bleasdale 2
13 2 TINO TERE 31 (BF) J Berry 9-0 J Carroll 14
14 6 VICTOR ROMEO 8 W Pearce 9-0 D Nicholls 12

4-1 Tino Tere, 13-2 Personal Hazard, 7-1 Running For Cover, 8-1 Inkosi, Spanish Express, 10-1 The Dandy Dan.

4.45 NEWBY HANDICAP STAKES
(£2,924: 1m) (20)

1 -200 GOLDEN ANCONA 15 (C,G,S) M Brittain 8-9-10 P Sedgwick 20
2 454- HABETA 156 (D,F,G) J Watts 5-9-9 Dean McKeown 6
3 160- TOUCH ABOVE 192 (F) T Barron 5-9-4 Alex Greaves (3) 14
4 4-00 TAYLORS PRINCE 25 (F) H Collingridge 4-9-4 A Cruz 11
5 000- ALBERT 178 (S) C Thornton 4-9-2 J Bleasdale 3
6 60-0 HIGH WATER 18 T Fairhurst 4-9-2 J Fanning (5) 8
7 13/8- KADAN 17J (D,F) M Tompkins 7-9-2 C Hodgson (5) 16
8 0-21 BLACKWATERFOOT 10 (D,S) R Boss 4-9-2 J Carroll 5
9 000- SWIFT SILVER 192 W Musson 4-9-0 M Wigham 7
10 030- GREAT FRIENDSHIP 184J C Thornton 4-9-0 J Quinn 15
11 0-02 STAY AWAKE 5 (F,G,S) J O'Neill 5-8-11 K Fallon 2
12 0-00 NOTHING'S FREE 8 M W Easterby 4-8-10 R P Elliott 9
13 2800 VITE VITE 15 (F) D Morrill 5-8-7 S Webster 1
14 10-4 LEAVE IT TO LIB 12 (F) P Calver 4-8-6 J Tate (7) 4
15 1/00 QUESTION OF DEGREE 10 (D,F) N Tinkler 5-8-6 Kim Tinkler 12
16 000- CAREFUL LAD 148J (B,G) K Burke 5-8-5 Ron Hills (3) 19
17 4-00 MEXICAN VISION 18 (B,F) I Campbell 4-8-5 W Ryan 13
18 020- DANRAB 309 M O'Neill 5-8-3 J Fortune 18
19 00-0 YOUNG BILL 12 Mrs J Ramsden 4-8-2 J Lowe 17
20 000- FINAL ALI 171 J H Wilson 4-8-1 C Adamson (7) 10

7-2 Blackwaterfoot, 9-2 Stay Awake, 13-2 Leave It To Lib, 7-1 Habeta, 8-1 Danrab, 9-1 Touch Above, 12-1 others.

5.15 LEVY BOARD MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O: £2,857: 1m 2f) (16)

1 60-0 AMERICAN HERO 28 C Tinkler 9-0 P Burke 16
2 GOIN AND GROWIN L Cumani 9-0 J Fortune 10
3 5 GOLDEN CHIP 15 A Stringer 9-0 D Nicholls 15
4 3 MAN OF GOLD 26 (BF) J Gosden 9-0 G Hind (3) 8
5 0-0 MOUKTARPOUR 10 C Wall 9-0 doubtful 13
6 52- NOBLE SOCIETY 185 E Weymes 9-0 A Culhane 5
7 RING OF FORTUNE M Moubarak 9-0 A Cruz 12
8 SESAME SEED J Watts 9-0 Dean McKeown 7
9 4 SIR DANIK 10 F Lee 9-0 — 4
10 0-4 SPANISH GRANDEE 25 P Chapple-Hyam 9-0 K Fallon 9
11 00- TOUCH 'N' PASS 192 R O'Leary 9-0 J Carroll 3
12 6 BLUE INFANTA 14 J Fanshawe 8-9 P Hutton (3) 14
13 CARMELINA'S SHADOW P Calver 8-9 S Perks 1
14 60 FORZINA 28 M Blanshard 8-9 J Quinn 2
15 5- HELEN'S BOWER 232 N Graham 8-9 W Ryan 11
16 RHEIN VALLEY J Watts 8-9 J Lowe 6

15-8 Man Of Gold, 11-4 Spanish Grandee, 13-2 Goin And Growin, 10-1 Ring Of Fortune, 14-1 Noble Society.

Wild Illusion to follow up

By BRIAN BEEL

WILD Illusion, who won the faster of two divisions of the maiden race at the PPOA by 15 lengths despite being eased down at the finish by Ian McKie, reappears today in *The Times* Championship qualifier at the Berks and Bucks point-to-point.

Even if opposed by both Indian Carpet and Mr Sponge, who are among the 33 entries, Jenny Pidgeon's charge looks to have a fine chance

On a form line through Right Hour, Final Player looks to have the edge, by a narrow margin, over Duntime for *The Times* race at the York and Ainsty. Riverboat Queen, however, on her only appearance, early in the season, was six lengths in front of Duntime at the Hurworth and could be good enough to beat them both.

The third qualifier today is at the Quorn where Sheer Jest, an outstanding five-year-old last season, should have little difficulty in accounting for Consbrook, Sirisat and Gulf Of Gold.

When coming second in the Oakley adjacent, Sheer Jest looked backward and his next appearance was delayed by a mishap at exercise. Now fully recovered, he can justify his tall reputation under the experienced guidance of John Sharp.

The RMC qualifier at the Berkeley should allow Alison Dare on Mendip Music to draw level again in the title race after falling behind when Pip Nash won on Ixor at the Cotswold on Wednesday.

Palmahalm looks to have an outstanding chance in the Land Rover qualifier at the Fife while two well known hunter chasers, Certain Light and Perroquet, should dominate, respectively, the corresponding races at the East Sussex and Romney Marsh and the Fitzwilliam.

The new course at Milborne St Andrew will be used for the first time for the South Dorset meeting where the best bet may be Scan's Joy in the restricted.

David Elsworth will perform the opening ceremony here and among those taking part in a pre-racing parade will be his Grand National winner, Rhyme 'N' Reason, and the former Gold Cup winner, Burrough Hill Lad.

TODAY'S MEETINGS: Berkeley, Woodford, 15m NE of Bristol (first race 2.00); Berks and Bucks, Kingston Blount, 4m NE of Watlington (2.00); East Sussex and Romney Marsh, Bexhill, 1½m N of town (2.00); Fife, Balcormo Mains, 3m NE of Leven (1.50); Fitzwilliam, Cottenham, 5m N of Cambridge (2.00); Llangeinor, St Mary's Hill, 2m E of Bridgend (2.30); Quorn, Garthorpe, 5m E of Melton Mowbray (2.15); Sir W W. Wynn's, Eaton Hall, 4m S of Chester (1.30); South Dorset, Milborne St Andrew, 4m NW of Bere Regis (2.15); Tiverton, Bratton Down, 10m N of South Molton (2.00); York and Ainsty, Easingwold, 13m NW of York (2.00).

RAPID RACELINE
ALL RESULTS - FAST
0898·168·168
Individual Courses
0898 168+

SANDOWN PARK	101	201	301
LEICESTER	102	202	302
RIPON	103	203	303
MARKET RASEN	104	204	304
HEXHAM	105	205	305
WORCESTER	106	206	306
IRISH	-	149	-

CALL NOW - FROM 8.30am ON 0800 44 40 40

SANDOWN PARK

MANDARIN
2.25 Blue Tiger.
3.00 Jaffa Line.
3.30 Karinga Bay.
4.05 CAHERVILLAHOW (nap).
4.40 Domicksky.
5.15 Arturian.
5.45 Bardesan.

THUNDERER
2.25 Sir Boudle.
3.00 JAHAFIL (nap).
3.30 Karinga Bay.
4.05 Cahervillahow.
4.40 Self Expression.
5.15 Wanda's Dream.
5.45 Hazel Crest.

MICHAEL SEELY
4.05 Cahervillahow.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.05 SEAGRAM.

GOING: GOOD (FLAT COURSE); GOOD TO FIRM (CHASE COURSE) SIS
DRAW: 5F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.25 PIZZA HUT MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O colts & geldings: £3,670: 5f) (13 runners)

101 (4) ADMIRAL ALBERT (W Gredley) C Brittain 9-0 M Roberts —
102 (9) AMADEUS AES (J Peters) D Morris 9-0 N Day —
103 (11) 0 ANAR 14 (Miss M Kaleji) W Carter 9-0 T Williams —
104 (3) 2 BLUE TIGER 9 (BF) (M Salem) B Hanbury 9-0 Pat Eddery —
105 (12) 4 COURT ROOM 35 (K Higson) Denys Smith 9-0 B Rouse —
106 (6) DOLLAR WINE (D Joseph) R Hannon 9-0 R Perham (5) —
107 (5) 3 ELTON LEDGER 9 (G Fitzgerald) J Berry 9-0 W Carson —
108 (1) FAIR FLYER (Cronk Thoroughbred Racing Ltd) G Lewis 9-0 Dale Gibson —
109 (8) FIRST GOLD (J Ashby) J Wharton 9-0 C Asmussen —
110 (13) PRIME BID (Mrs V Grant) R Hannon 9-0 R Hills —
111 (10) SIR BOUDLE (N Wilson) C Nelson 9-0 J Reid —
112 (2) UCCELLO (K Khan) L Holt 9-0 A McGlone —
113 (7) WALSTEAD (Snowdrop Stud Co Ltd) W Jarvis 9-0 L Dettori —

BETTING: 11-4 Blue Tiger, 7-2 Elton Ledger, 4-1 Dollar Wine, 6-1 Court Room, 8-1 Admiral Albert, 10-1 others.

1990: LEAR LEADER 9-0 G Moore (14-1) C Nelson 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

ADMIRAL ALBERT (Foaled Apr 11, cost 42,000gns) half-brother by Slip Anchor to Metal Precieux, winner of group I Prix Lupin. BLUE TIGER 1½l 2nd to John Rose at Newmarket (5f, good to firm) with ELTON LEDGER (same terms) slowly away 3l 3rd. FAIR FLYER (Apr 8, 22,000gns) half-brother by Tilt Up to five winners in the United States. FIRST GOLD (Mar 1, 31,000gns) half-sister by Absalom to useful juvenile sprinter Gipsy Fiddler. PRIME BID (Mar 8, 27,000gns) half-brother by Primo Dominie to winner abroad and 5l placed 2-year-old Bid For Elegance. UCCELLO (Feb 25, 32,000gns) half-brother by Ela-Mana-Mou to top class sprinter Argentum. Dam half-sister to Absalom.
Selection: BLUE TIGER

3.00 THRESHER CLASSIC TRIAL
(Group III: 3-Y-O: £35,460: 1m 2f) (5 runners)

C4

201 (3) 21- EVASIVE PRINCE 180 (S) (Lord White) M Stoute 8-11 Pat Eddery 75
202 (1) 31330-1 GREEN'S FERNELEY 26 (F,G) (R Green (Fine Paintings)) W Haggas 8-11 N Day 92
203 (4) 1004-4 HAILSHAM 9 (G) (Sheikh Mohammed) C Brittain 8-11 M Roberts 94
204 (5) 431144- JAFFA LINE 190 (F) (Mrs P Sheen) D Elsworth 8-11 C Asmussen 95
205 (2) 4112- JAHAFIL 210 (C,BF,G) (H Al-Maktoum) W Hern 8-11 W Carson ● 99

BETTING: 6-4 Jahafil, 5-2 Evasive Prince, 9-2 Hailsham, 6-1 Jaffa Line, 10-1 Green's Ferneley.

1990: DEFENSIVE PLAY 8-11 Pat Eddery (7-4 fav) G Harwood 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

EVASIVE PRINCE beat Oka Flow very easily by 1½l in Lingfield maiden (7f, soft). GREEN'S FERNELEY unchallenged, to beat Altermeera 5l at Nottingham (1m 50yd, good); finished 8l 7th to Steamer Duck last year at Milan (1m, soft).
HAILSHAM one paced 5l 4th to Marju at Newmarket (1m, good to firm). JAFFA LINE 5l 4th to Crystal Gazing at Newmarket (7f, good); previously 7¾l 4th to Shamshir at Ascot (1m, good to firm). JAHAFIL 3½l 2nd to Mujaazif in Royal Lodge William Hill Stakes at Ascot (1m, good to firm) with HAILSHAM (same terms) 7½l 4th; previously easily beat Pfalz at Doncaster (7f, good).
Selection: JAHAFIL

3.30 CCH GORDON RICHARDS EBF STAKES
(Group III: £23,550: 1m 2f) (6 runners)

C4

301 (5) 1050-30 ETON LAD 10 (G) (W Said) N Callaghan 4-8-13 Pat Eddery 86
302 (3) 325136- KARINGA BAY 224 (F,G) (K Higson) Denys Smith 4-8-13 B Rouse 91
303 (2) 530-154 AIR MUSIC 18 (D) (A Richards) C Brittain 4-8-10 M Roberts 77
304 (4) 4100-10 NOBLE PATRIARCH 10 (D,F,G,S) (P Winfield) J Dunlop 4-8-10 J Reid ● 99
305 (1) 111363- SONG OF SIXPENCE 204 (D,F,G,S) (P Mellon) I Balding 7-8-10 C Asmussen 91
306 (6) 21124-5 STAPLEFORD MANOR 10 (D,F) (R Duchossois) L Cumani 4-8-10 L Dettori 81

BETTING: 5-2 Karinga Bay, 3-1 Noble Patriarch, 4-1 Stapleford Manor, 11-2 Song Of Sixpence, 6-1 Eton Lad, 10-1 Air Music.

1990: DOLPOUR 4-8-10 W R Swinburn (5-2) M Stoute 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

ETON LAD 5½l 3rd to Hateel on reappearance at Pontefract (1m 2f, good to soft) with AIR MUSIC (6lb worse off) 2l 4th. KARINGA BAY 9¾l 6th to Snurge in St Leger at Doncaster (1m 6f 127yd, good); previously 6l 3rd to Belmez at York (1m 4f, good).
NOBLE PATRIARCH beat Indian Queen 5l on reappearance in listed race at Kempton (1m 2f, good to soft). SONG OF SIXPENCE 2½l 3rd to Lord Of The Field at Kempton (1m 3f). STAPLEFORD MANOR 2l 6th to Terimon at Newmarket (1m 1f, good to firm). ETON LAD (same terms) 3l 7th and NOBLE PATRIARCH (same terms) 3½l 8th; previously 6¼l 4th to Lift And Load at Doncaster (1m 4f, good).
Selection: KARINGA BAY

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
L Cumani	17	52	32.7	Pat Eddery	74	308	24.0
G Harwood	32	127	25.2	L Dettori	9	51	17.6
I Balding	20	96	20.8	W Carson	44	305	14.4
M Stoute	38	185	20.5	S O'Gorman	3	21	14.3
N Callaghan	7	35	20.0	M Roberts	21	167	12.6
M Bell	3	16	18.8	R Hills	11	103	10.7

(Not including yesterday's results)

4.05 35th WHITBREAD GOLD CUP HANDICAP CHASE
(Grade III: £51,700: 3m 5f 18yd) (10 runners)

C4

401 P2P215 BONANZA BOY 21 (D,BF,F,G,S) (S Dunster) M Pipe 10-11-7 S Smith Eccles 94
402 312F22 CAHERVILLAHOW 26 (G,S) (Mrs M Valentine) M Morris (Ire) 7-11-2 C Swan 96
403 1F-4420 TEN OF SPADES 21 (F,G,S) (W Whitbread) N Henderson 11-10-12 J White 88
404 021311 SEAGRAM 21 (C,F,G,S) (Sir Eric Parker) D Barons 11-10-6 N Hawke ● 99
405 21221F DOCKLANDS EXPRESS 21 (F,G,S) (R Baines) K Bailey 9-10-3 A Tory 87
406 18P-112 OMERTA 7 (D,BF,G,S) (Mrs E McMorrow) M Pipe 11-10-1 P Scudamore 96
407 4P14-B3 WONT BE GONE LONG 58 (F,G) (R Waley-Cohen) N Henderson 9-10-0 R Dunwoody 78
408 140546 DURHAM EDITION 21 (F,G,S) (R Oxley) W A Stephenson 13-10-0 C Grant 86
409 P8BF-43 VULGAN WARRIOR 10 (BF,F,G) (Mrs M W Wilson) S Christian 9-10-0 M Bowlby 69
410 3-1032P TUNS HILL 10 (C,S) (B Escott) R Dickin 9-10-0 S Earle 51

Long handicap: Wont Be Gone Long 9-10, Durham Edition 9-10, Vulgan Warrior 9-1, Tuns Hill 7-12.
BETTING: 5-2 Docklands Express, 4-1 Cahervillahow, 5-1 Seagram, 6-1 Wont Be Gone Long, 7-1 Omerta, 10-1 Durham Edition, Vulgan Warrior, 16-1 Bonanza Boy, Ten Of Spades, 150-1 Tuns Hill.

1990: MR FRISK 11-10-5 Mr M Armytage (9-2 fav) K Bailey 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

BONANZA BOY beat Rubika 20l in Midland Grand National at Uttoxeter (4m, soft) penultimate start. TEN OF SPADES 8l 2nd to Buckshee Boy at Newbury (3m, good) penultimate start.
SEAGRAM beat Garrison Savannah 5l in the Grand National at Liverpool (4m 4f, good to soft) with BONANAZA BOY (same terms) 38l 5th, DURHAM EDITION (13lb better off) 1½l 6th, TEN OF SPADES (3lb better off) 64½l 14th and DOCKLANDS EXPRESS fell 1st; previously beat CAHERVILLAHOW (3lb better off) 5l at Cheltenham (3m 1f, good). DOCKLANDS EXPRESS beat Cuddy Dale a nk at Kempton (3m, good) penultimate start with WONT BE GONE LONG behind when brought down 8 out; previously 5l 3rd to Dalkey Sound at Doncaster (3m 122yd, good) with DURHAM EDITION (5lb better off) 8l 4th. OMERTA beat CAHERVILLAHOW (2lb better off) sh hd in Irish Grand National at Fairyhouse (3m 5f, good to yielding); latest 5l 2nd to Killone Abbey in Scottish Grand National at Ayr (4m 120yd, good). DURHAM EDITION 8l 2nd to Mr Frisk in this race last season (firm) with WONT BE GONE LONG (9lb worse off) 4l 4th, SEAGRAM (7lb worse off) 27l 9th and VULGAN WARRIOR weakening when fell 3 out. VULGAN WARRIOR 4½l 3rd to Gala's Image at Cheltenham (3m 2f, firm) with TUNS HILL pulled up. TUNS HILL 4l 2nd to Karakter Reference here (3m 118yd, good).
Selection: SEAGRAM (nap)

4.40 TGI FRIDAY'S HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £18,050: 1m) (14 runners)

C4

501 (8) 13100- WOODMAN'S MOUNT 178 (F) (D Thompson) L Cumani 9-7 L Dettori 91
502 (7) 131- FRAAR 208 (D,F,S) (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 9-1 R Hills 98
503 (10) 1300- HILLZAH 196 (C,F) (H Al-Maktoum) P Walwyn 9-0 W Carson 85
504 (2) 124-0 SELF EXPRESSION 22 (F) (G Smart) I Balding 8-13 J Reid 93
505 (13) 31464-2 PAY HOMAGE 17 (F) (Miss A Hill) I Balding 8-12 S O'Gorman (3) 93
506 (12) 1336-0 BOLD BOSTONIAN 22 (G) (G Comben) H Candy 8-10 C Rutter 92
507 (11) 526421- RAPID CORACLE 190 (G) (Mrs L Davies) R Hannon 8-7 B Rouse ● 99
508 (9) 42120-5 SING OUT 8 (Dr C Stelling) C Nelson 8-2 T Williams 94
509 (1) 023-15 BOWDEN BOY 11 (G) (T Foreman) N Callaghan 8-1 D Holland (5) 96
510 (4) 51-13 DOMICKSKY 11 (BF,F,S) (Enterprise Markets Ltd) M Ryan 8-1 M Roberts 97
511 (5) 001- LOKI 200 (F) (T Laidlaw) G Lewis 7-13 Dale Gibson 88
512 (14) 3340-01 SWIFT ROMANCE 8 (D,G) (Mrs N Dutfield) B Millman 7-11 G Bardwell 89
513 (3) 04-154 DOM WAC 8 (D) (Mrs P Karpidas) M Bell 7-8 N Kennedy (5) 93
514 (6) 060-305 CONQUETE 12 (K Ulrich) C C Elsey 7-7 F Norton (7) 84

Long handicap: Conquete 6-10.
BETTING: 5-1 Domicksky, 7-1 Sing Out, 8-1 Bowden Boy, Pay Homage, 9-1 Swift Romance, Woodman's Mount, 10-1 Fraar, 12-1 Hillzah, 14-1 Dom Wac, Loki, 16-1 Self Expression, 40-1 Conquete.

1990: FIELD GLASS 9-2 W R Swinburn (9-2) M Stoute 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

WOODMAN'S MOUNT beat Obligation 2½l at Folkestone (7f, good to firm). FRAAR beat Dokkha Oyston 1l at Ascot (6f, good to soft) with PAY HOMAGE (3lb better off) 4¾l 5th at Bath (1m)
RAPID CORACLE beat Tenearco 1l at Newmarket (6f, good). BOWDEN BOY beat Magnate's Crown 3½l at Nottingham (6f, good). DOMICKSKY 5½l 3rd of 18 to Scottish Castle at Newmarket (7f, good to firm) with BOWDEN BOY (3lb better off) 3½l 5th. LOKI made all to beat Top Shereek 1½l at Warwick (7f, good to firm) final start last season. DOM WAC beat Intentions 2l at Lingfield (AW, 1m) on reappearance with CONQUETE (4lb worse off) a neck 3rd.
Selection: FRAAR

5.15 LANSBURY HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £4,380: 5f) (15 runners)

601 (11) 510-41 EL YASAF 9 (D,G,S) (J Naughton) R Stubbs 9-7 D Holland (5) 93
602 (10) 5152- FAY'S SONG 208 (D,F) (S Harper) R Akehurst 9-6 C Asmussen 85
603 (14) 021-30 GO EXECUTIVE 9 (G) (M Dawes) C Brittain 9-3 M Roberts ● 99
604 (2) 0-12 OLIFANTSFONTEIN 23 (F) (T Painting) R Simpson 9-1 A Tucker (5) 93
605 (7) 2464-03 ARTURIAN 9 (B,D,G) (G Stewart) R Johnson Houghton 9-1 J Reid 91
606 (9) 211630- AMBER MILL 217 (D,F) (T Holdcroft) J Berry 9-0 R Hills 87
607 (6) 212441 BALLASECRET 14 (D,F) (R Adams) R Dickin 8-12 S Dawson 93
608 (1) 450600- LINDFIELD BELLE 168 (D,F) (Snowdrop Stud Co Ltd) D Wilson 8-9 L Dettori 92
609 (15) 210-03 PRETTY POPPY 23 (D,F) (R Lamb) R Hannon 8-9 B Rouse 86
610 (12) 52331-3 MACFARLANE 14 (D,G) (P Fetherston-Godley) M Fetherston-Godley 8-9 Pat Eddery 93
611 (5) 512560- NORTHERN NATION 198 (D,F) (Mrs T Winkworth) S Mellor 8-6 Dana Mellor 91
612 (3) 51042-0 VERY DICEY 14 (D,F) (Mrs G Smith) R Smyth 8-5 C Rutter 94
613 (8) 66010-0 ANXIOUS TIMES 9 (F,G) (F Kalla) N Callaghan 8-4 F Norton (7) 98
614 (4) 322-31 WANDA'S DREAM 12 (D,F) (P Michel) D Murray Smith 8-1 W Carson 96
615 (13) 22630-3 AFFORDABLE 8 (Miss M Kaleji) W Carter 8-1 T Williams 96

BETTING: 9-4 Macfarlane, 7-2 Wanda's Dream, 4-1 El Yasaf, 6-1 Affordable, 8-1 Pretty Poppy, 10-1 Go Executive, 12-1 Amber Mill, 14-1 Fay's Song, 16-1 others.

1990: RIVERS RHAPSODY 9-7 J Williams (10-1) G Balding 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

EL YASAF beat Bessie Surtees 5l at Ayr (5f, soft). FAY'S SONG 6l 2nd to Maraatib at Bath (5f, good to firm) last season with LINDFIELD BELLE (10lb better off) 2¼l 6th; earlier beat Polish Patriot 1½l at Folkestone (5f, firm).
OLIFANTSFONTEIN beat Silver Dilemma ½l at Brighton (6f, good to firm); latest 4l 2nd to Prince of The Sea over the same course and distance with PRETTY POPPY (1lb better off) 6l 3rd and BALLASECRET (2lb worse off) a sh hd 4th. ARTURIAN head 3rd to Prince of The Sea at Newmarket (6f, good to firm) with ANXIOUS TIMES (5lb better off) 5l 8th and GO EXECUTIVE (2lb better off) 18th. BALLASECRET beat Medaille D'Or at Warwick (5f, good to firm) with MACFARLANE (2lb better off) a neck 3rd and VERY DICEY (5lb better off) 7¾l 17th. MACFARLANE beat Party Treat 1l at Doncaster (5f, good) last season with ARTURIAN (4lb better off) ½l 4th. WANDA'S DREAM beat Countess Of Poland 2l at Folkestone (5f, firm).
Selection: ARTURIAN

5.45 ROYAL VETERINARY COLLEGE BICENTENARY SUPREME NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£3,782: 2m) (12 runners)

1 2-1 BOOK OF RUNES 161 (S) (D Jones) J Edwards 6-11-6 J Kavanagh (3) —
2 3/1 RAFIKI 49 (CD,S) (Mrs K Stuart) Mrs J Retter 6-11-6 M A Fitzgerald (7) —
3 2 BARDESAN 35 (A Boyd-Rochfort) O Sherwood 5-11-2 A S Smith (5) —
4 3 BEAR NECESSITIES 14 (R Macauley) M Wilkinson 6-11-2 B O'Dowd (7) —
5 03 BOLD BARNEY 15 (Mrs A Steel) M Robinson 5-11-2 Mr K Comerford (7) —
6 52 COASTING 14 (B R B Owners Group (1990) Plc) G Balding 5-11-2 S Hodgson (5) —
7 4 ONLY IN IRELAND 25 (Roddimore Investments) Miss H Knight 5-11-2 G Upton —
8 15 GIPSY DAWN 22 (D,G) (R Barwell) C Barwell 5-11-1 B Clifford (7) —
9 1 HAZEL CREST 14 (D,F) (A Budge (Equine) Ltd) Jimmy Fitzgerald 4-11-1 Mr A Maguire (7) —
10 16 RAMPOLDI 22 (CD,BF,S) (A Bodie) G Harwood 4-11-1 Miss A Harwood (3) —
11 2 AQIQ 50 (R Hipkin) J Bostock 4-10-11 J Twomey (7) —
12 23 FAST THOUGHTS 49 (W Dore) D Gandolfo 4-10-11 I Shoemark (3) —

BETTING: 15-8 Book Of Runes, 3-1 Hazel Crest, 5-1 Bardesan, 8-1 Rampoldi, 10-1 Aqiq, 12-1 Coasting, 14-1 Only In Ireland, 16-1 others.

1990: ASCOT LAD 5-10-11 R Bellamy (9-4 fav) D Nicholson 5 ran

Legal Profession looks Piggott's pick

LEGAL Profession looks the best of Lester Piggott's four mounts for Vincent O'Brien at the Curragh today (Our Irish Racing Correspondent writes). Piggott has already won twice on the Law Society colt and he can retain an unbeaten record in the Ballysax Race.

News Headlines is reported to be a smart newcomer and can complete a double for the combination in the Warren Maiden. In the Dermot McCalmont Tetrarch Stakes, Piggott partners Archway but Star Of Gdansk is preferred. Splash Of Colour may be thwarted by another Jim Bolger runner, Topanoora, in the Mooresbridge Race.

LEICESTER

MANDARIN
2.00 Kiyonaga.
2.30 Where's The Risk.
3.00 Hieroglyphic.
3.30 Rami.
4.00 Regal Chimes.
4.30 Every One A Gem.
5.00 Habaayib.

THUNDERER
2.00 Cruachan.
2.30 Fallowfield Girl.
3.00 Hieroglyphic.
3.30 Nayland.
4.00 My Czech Mate.
4.30 State Of Affairs.
5.00 Habaayib.

MICHAEL SEELY
5.00 Habaayib.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.00 Kiyonaga. 5.00 Habaayib.

GOING: GOOD DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE SIS

2.00 REDMILE MAIDEN STAKES (Div I: 3-Y-O: £2,868: 1m 2f) (19 runners)

1 (12) 2- ARAK 186 (H Al-Maktoum) R Armstrong 9-0 B Crossley 75
2 (18) 0-0 BURDUR 7 (M Kura) B Hanbury 9-0 M Hills 71
3 (17) 06-50 CHAKALAK 11 (P Chaldo) S Dow 9-0 T Quinn 71
4 (3) COLORADO ROCKY (P Savill) P Felgate 9-0 K Darley —
5 (2) 2- CRUACHAN 175 (Mrs M Ennever) G Harwood 9-0 R Cochrane ● 99
6 (16) EQUITY CARD (Mrs M Stewart) G Pritchard-Gordon 9-0 W Hood —
7 (6) 04-0 FANLIGHT 18 (Sir Philip Oppenheimer) C Wall 9-0 G Carter —
8 (8) 00- JAMES IS SPECIAL 182 (J Thomas) H Collingridge 9-0 M Tebbutt —
9 (11) KIYONAGA (C St. George) H Cecil 9-0 W R Swinburn —
10 (4) MANDIKA (R Capon) M Jarvis 9-0 A Munro —
11 (1) 0- OUR PATRICK 271 (K & M Construction Ltd) K White 9-0 A Shoults —
12 (5) 0-2 SCENT OF BATTLE 33 (W Carpenter) M Haynes 9-0 J Williams 78
13 (7) TACTICAL MISSION (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 9-0 A Clark —
14 (19) 03- TRUST DEED 206 (Lord Weinstock) W Hern 9-0 G Duffield 85
15 (13) 0- VERTEX 188 (K Abdulla) R Charlton 9-0 S Raymont —
16 (15) BASHOOSH (M Al-Maktoum) A Scott 8-9 B Raymond —
17 (9) 05- CARELESS LOVE 178 (M Simmonds) Mrs L Piggott 8-9 W Newnes 83
18 (14) SHREWD GIRL (H Mould) M Stoute 8-9 Paul Eddery —
19 (10) 000200- WOTAMONA 168 (J Knowles) B Palling 8-9 N Adams 60

BETTING: 5-2 Cruachan, 3-1 Kiyonga, 9-2 Bashoosh, 6-1 Trust Deed, 10-1 Shrewd Girl, 12-1 Arak, 14-1 Scent Of Battle, 16-1 others.

1990: TIGER FLOWER 8-9 S Cauthen (1-3 fav) H Cecil 16 ran

2.30 GADSBY SELLING STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,846: 5f) (16 runners)

1 (13) 0 CHAMPAGNE BREAK 15 (Mrs H Ellerby) M Ellerby 8-11 S Morris —
2 (15) FARHOLME LADS (C Kershaw) C Tinkler 8-11 B Raymond —
3 (2) PALACEGATE ROYALE (Palacegate Corporation Ltd) J Berry 8-11 K Darley —
4 (8) 413 PENISCOLA STAR 12 (D,F) (A White) R Hollinshead 8-11 G Hind (3) —
5 (10) 00 THE DOMINANT GENE 15 (Mrs V McGeough) J Wharton 8-11 — —
6 (4) 5 TRUEBOURNE 10 (Mrs R Smith) R Guest 8-11 G Duffield —
7 (9) 22 WHERE'S THE RISK 12 (BF) (Roldvale Ltd) G Lewis 8-11 Paul Eddery —
8 (5) BRIGINSKI (Mrs A Wright) J Payne 8-6 A Skingle —
9 (1) 3 FALLOWFIELD GIRL 15 (F Ballard) M H Easterby 8-6 M Birch —
10 (3) HANDY LASS (J Rose) J Wharton 8-6 J Williams —
11 (12) 60 MIDNIGHT VIOLET 15 (A Poole) W G M Turner 8-6 A Munro —
12 (6) MISS SHADOWFAX (Shadowfax Racing) C Allen 8-6 M Tebbutt —
13 (16) PRINCESS ANNIE (G Blum) G Blum 8-6 A Shoults —
14 (14) 0 ROCKY BAY 12 (Miss K Harris) D Haydn Jones 8-6 D Biggs (5) —
15 (11) WHAT'S SHE LIKE (P Fitzgerald) M Tompkins 8-6 R Cochrane —
16 (7) WISTFUL (E Stanley) M Bell 8-6 M Hills —

BETTING: 9-4 Where's The Risk, 7-2 Fallowfield Girl, 9-2 Peniscola Star, 5-1 Truebourne, 8-1 Palacegate Royale, 10-1 Wistful, 14-1 others.

1990: ANGEL TRAIN 8-6 Paul Eddery (15-8 fav) T Thomson Jones 14 ran

3.00 MADAGANS HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £4,045: 1m 4f) (13 runners)

1 (9) 1413-65 NO HARD FEELINGS 28 (BF,F,G,S) (P Savill) N Tinkler 9-7 K Darley 84
2 (2) 23-0 NORTHERN RAINBOW 22 (G Johnson) P Cole 9-4 T Quinn 80
3 (7) 01008-0 GREEN LANE 15 (F) (P Mellon) I Balding 9-3 R Cochrane 83
4 (4) 40000-0 FINAL DEED 26 (G) (J Burke) F Lee 9-0 R Lappin 91
5 (3) 4353-55 CAROLE'S KING 15 (F) (Mrs C Viney) W Carter 8-13 W Newnes 87
6 (8) 31 HIEROGLYPHIC 12 (D,S) (R Sangster) J Gosden 8-10 W R Swinburn 91
7 (1) 6400- SHADOWLAND 216 (Sir John Mowbray) G Pritchard-Gordon 8-4 G Carter 82
8 (6) 5525-04 TYRIAN PURPLE 31 (Rykneld Thoroughbred Co Ltd) R Hollinshead 8-3 Paul Eddery 95
9 (10) 42-1031 QUICK RANSOM 10 (S) (J Morrison) M Johnston 8-3 D Biggs (5) ● 99
10 (13) 00150-3 CHEEKY POT 10 (V,S) (Lady Matthews) M Camacho 8-3 N Connorton 90
11 (12) 52005-0 CUT THE MUSIC 16 (Hambleton Racing 1989 Plc) M Bell 7-12 N Adams 98
12 (11) 000- SURREY DANCER 193 (Cronk Thoroughbred Racing Ltd) B Hanbury 7-9 N Carlisle 87
13 (5) 600-60 MERCERS MAGIC 10 (J Gibbs) D Haydn Jones 7-7 A Mackay 84

Long handicap: Mercers Magic 5-12.
BETTING: 5-2 Hieroglyphic, 9-2 Quick Ransom, 6-1 Green Lane, 7-1 Carole's King, 8-1 No Hard Feelings, 10-1 Northern Rainbow, 12-1 Cheeky Pot, 16-1 others.

1990: J BRAND 8-3 T Quinn (9-2) P Cole 17 ran

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
R Charlton	3	8	37.5	A Munro	12	74	16.2
H Cecil	36	106	34.0	W R Swinburn	25	160	15.6
M Pipe	5	18	27.8	K Darley	10	70	14.3
J Gosden	6	22	27.3	M Hills	15	126	11.9
G Harwood	16	59	27.1	M Birch	9	77	11.7
M Stoute	31	121	25.6	T Quinn	20	174	11.5

3.30 MADAGANS LEICESTERSHIRE STAKES
(Listed race: £11,550: 7f) (15 runners)

1 (13) 1400-65 SAVAHRA SOUND 7 (D,F,G,S) (A Budge (Equine) Ltd) R Hannon 6-9-4 B Raymond 93
2 (12) 5400-58 JUST THREE 22 (D,F,G,S) (B McGee) G Lewis 5-9-1 Paul Eddery 89
3 (6) 132540- BATZUSHKA 190 (F) (H De Kwiatkowski) Mrs L Piggott 4-8-12 A Munro 91
4 (11) 20546-3 DICKENS LANE 5 (J Horgan) R Hannon 4-8-12 S Raymont 61
5 (5) 12532-3 NAYLAND 37 (F) (Sheikh Mohammed) G Wragg 5-8-12 G Carter 77
6 (7) 42225-1 NORTON CHALLENGER 7 (G,S) (Maj J Linley) M H Easterby 4-8-12 M Birch 96
7 (14) 1/80113- RAMI 191 (D,F,S) (H Al-Maktoum) P Walwyn 4-8-12 R Cochrane ● 99
8 (3) 611011- RASAN 271 (D,F) (H Al-Maktoum) R Armstrong 4-8-12 B Crossley 81
9 (9) 1/40022- SWORDSMITH 175 (D,F,G) (Sheikh Mohammed) B Hills 4-8-12 M Hills 80
10 (2) 3103-62 THE AUCTION BIDDER 28 (S) (Heathavon Ltd) R Hollinshead 4-8-12 W R Swinburn 79
11 (1) 462300- USA DOLLAR 196 (B,F) (B Gubby Ltd) B Gubby 4-8-12 T Quinn 67
12 (10) 4230-10 PALACE STREET 11 (D,G,S) (Miss B Swire) G Balding 4-8-10 J Williams 90
13 (4) 525620- APPLEDORN 171 (D,F,G) (Mrs B Facchino) B McMahon 4-8-7 G Duffield 81
14 (8) 3620-00 MORY KANTE 11 (D,G,S) (M Andrea) John FitzGerald 4-8-7 W Newnes —
15 (15) 60 RIVADAVIA 11 (D,G,S) (Dr I Von Schubert) John FitzGerald 4-8-7 David Eddery —

BETTING: 4-1 Rami, 5-1 Nayland, 6-1 Swordsmith, Norton Challenger, 7-1 Palace Street, 10-1 Savahra Sound, 12-1 Just Three, Rasan, 14-1 Batzushka, Appledorn, 16-1 others.

1990: MONSAGEM 4-8-12 S Cauthen (11-10 fav) H Cecil 5 ran

4.00 WOOLSTHORPE MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,694: 5f) (15 runners)

1 (5) COMMON COUNCIL (Lord Derby) G Pritchard-Gordon 9-0 W R Swinburn —
2 (15) 5 DOUBLE THE STAKES 8 (F Lee) F Lee 9-0 — —
3 (14) 5 ENERGIC 22 (Mrs B Long) John FitzGerald 9-0 W Newnes —
4 (12) JOLTO (K Payne) J Czerpak 9-0 N Adams —
5 (7) 4 LUCKY LOGAN 7 (P Savill) M Tompkins 9-0 K Darley —
6 (2) 6 MY CZECH MATE 8 (Mrs D Hayes) R Hannon 9-0 Paul Eddery —
7 (3) 2 NOBLE POWER 14 (Sandy Lane Associates) B Palling 9-0 R Cochrane —
8 (9) PALACEGATE RACING (Palacegate Corporation Ltd) J Berry 9-0 J Murray —
9 (6) PRINCE RODNEY (G Bosley) R Hannon 9-0 B Raymond —
10 (13) 0 RED KITE 9 (K Mercer) M Bell 9-0 M Hills —
11 (4) 22 REGAL CHIMES 25 (M Sturgess) B McMahon 9-0 A Munro —
12 (1) SUPER CHARGE (N Hartas) M Ellerby 9-0 S Morris —
13 (11) JUSTAMANDA (Mrs S Harridge) W Holden 8-9 D McKay —
14 (10) MRS NORMAN (H Norman) P Felgate 8-9 J Williams —
15 (8) WILD STRAWBERRY (Park Lane Racing) J Eustace 8-9 M Tebbutt —

BETTING: 7-2 My Czech Mate, 9-2 Regal Chimes, 5-1 Prince Rodney, 6-1 Noble Power, 7-1 Red Kite, 10-1 Double The Stakes, 12-1 Energic, 14-1 others.

1990: KIRRIEMUIR 8-9 R Fox (20-1) W G M Turner 9 ran

4.30 SPRING HANDICAP (£2,955: 1m 2f) (19 runners)

1 (18) 560-412 BESCABY BOY 8 (BF,F,G,S) (Pennells Estates Ltd) J Wharton 5-9-13 J Williams 85
2 (9) 003- DEVIOSITY 292 (Mrs J Doyle) B Hills 4-9-13 M Hills 80
3 (3) 4305-00 FULL QUIVER 14 (V,F) (B Wilton) Mrs B Waring 6-9-12 N Howe 98
4 (6) 1-50041 THOMAS LENG 9 (D,G,S) (M Brittain) M Brittain 6-9-10 S Maloney (5) 94
5 (15) 160600- DUGGAN 165 (D,F,G) (T Hornett) R Williams 4-9-10 R Cochrane 90
6 (19) 60540-0 HARDIHEROINE 23 (B,F) (Mrs A Yearley) M Pipe 4-9-8 A Arrowsmith (7) 86
7 (12) 2520-00 BLAKE'S TREASURE 12 (P Blake) T Thomson Jones 4-9-4 A Munro 87
8 (1) 162-000 EVENING AFFAIR 18 (D,F) (A Whiting) W Holden 5-9-4 D McKay 94
9 (4) 154013- OFFICER CADET 171 (D,G,S) (Lord Derby) J Watts 4-9-3 W R Swinburn 84
10 (2) 20550-0 DANCING BRIDE 14 (J Bethell) J Bethell 4-9-2 T Quinn 86
11 (5) 606- DIAMOND BLUE 309 (D Gibbin) Bob Jones 4-9-1 G Duffield 80
12 (17) 0220-02 INTUITIVE JOE 12 (C,F) (Mrs N Lewis) G Lewis 4-9-1 Paul Eddery 90
13 (8) 2320-50 BEAU BENZ 9 (B,D,F,G) (Gymcrak Racing II Plc) M H Easterby 7-9-0 M Birch 95
14 (13) 0000-30 STATE OF AFFAIRS 12 (F) (T Sumner) C Horgan 4-8-13 A Clark ● 99
15 (10) 0532-10 EVERY ONE A GEM 12 (D,F) (G Green) M Ryan 4-8-13 G Carter 92
16 (11) 43/0056 EAGLES LAIR 14 (G Cannon) D Marks 5-8-13 G Baxter 89
17 (16) 0320-60 SHOWMANSHIP 36 (Mrs C A Wall) C Wall 4-8-13 B Raymond 93
18 (7) 50140-4 HERE HE COMES 8 (D,G) (G Ivermee) W Carter 5-8-13 W Newnes 88
19 (14) 53033-5 ALREEF 26 (CD,F) (H Sibley) T Thomson Jones 5-8-12 S Whitworth 96

BETTING: 5-1 Intuitive Joe, 6-1 Bescaby Boy, 7-1 Thomas Leng, 8-1 Alreef, 10-1 Deviosity, Officer Cadet, 12-1 Every One A Gem, Full Quiver, 14-1 Hardiheroine, 16-1 others.

1990: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

5.00 REDMILE MAIDEN STAKES (Div II: 3-Y-O: £2,868: 1m 2f) (18 runners)

1 (3) 3-2 ALTERMEERA 26 (H Chisman) Mrs B Waring 9-0 N Howe 96
2 (6) 00- ARAGON COURT 200 (A Old) J Pearce 9-0 J McLaughlin 50
3 (15) 0- ATTADALE 187 (Sir David Wills) W Jarvis 9-0 M Tebbutt —
4 (8) COUNT BARACHOIS (D Brown) M Jarvis 9-0 G Crealock —
5 (13) 04- DAUNTLESS KNIGHT 186 (J Garcia-Roady) G Harwood 9-0 R Cochrane 77
6 (9) 2- HABAAYIB 262 (Sheikh Mohammed) M Stoute 9-0 W R Swinburn 94
7 (10) 0-0 HARRY'S GEM 30 (M Francis) M Francis 9-0 S Whitworth 83
8 (5) 0 KAYFAAT 10 (M Salem) B Hanbury 9-0 B Raymond —
9 (11) 00000- LAST CRUSADE 156 (Kingstone Warren Partners) H Candy 9-0 Antoinette Armes (7) 50
10 (18) 40 LETTS GREEN 25 (T Parrett) J Czerpak 9-0 N Adams 58
11 (4) 23- MARCUS THORPE 175 (C St. George) H Cecil 9-0 M Hills ● 99
12 (7) 0-0 MOUKTARPOUR 10 (W Gruhmuller) C Wall 9-0 G Carter 55
13 (1) 5-0 SHADIDEEN 25 (F Salman) P Cole 9-0 T Quinn 67
14 (2) 03- SUPERTOP 196 (Mrs G Godfrey) P Harris 9-0 Paul Eddery 87
15 (17) TIDE ECHO (Mrs M Niarchos) R Charlton 9-0 S Raymont —
16 (14) 0 CHIARINA 26 (Mrs E Quayle) J Eustace 8-9 G Duffield —
17 (16) RUSSIAN LIAISON (Cheveley Park Stud) A Scott 8-9 A Munro —
18 (12) SPARK OF PERSIA (G Pritchard-Gordon) G Pritchard-Gordon 8-9 W Hood —

BETTING: 4-6 Habaayib, 3-1 Marcus Thorpe, 10-1 Altermeera, 14-1 Dauntless Knight, 16-1 Shadideen, 20-1 Tide Echo, 33-1 others.

1990: NO CORRESPONDING DIVISION

Chance to join the tour leader

The Times today offers a special opportunity for a reader to partner Steven Richardson, the present leader of the Volvo PGA European Tour order of merit, in the Murphy's Cup celebrity pro-am golf tournament at Fulford, York, on Wednesday, June 5.

The winner of our competition, and a friend, will also enjoy a full day's hospitality as the guests of Murphy's Irish Stout for the first day of the main tournament, which starts on June 6 and continues until June 9.

The Murphy's Cup was launched in 1989 and it is the only 72-hole tournament on the European Tour that uses a modified Stableford scoring system; it was won by Hugh Baiocchi in its first year and by Tony Johnstone in 1990.

This year, it achieves particular importance in the golfing calendar: with prize money of £350,000 and Ryder Cup points at stake, it has attracted a strong field, including the holders of 17 European Tour titles, as well as Ian Woosnam, winner of the US Masters this month. Richardson will be among the favourites. At the age of 24, he is very much the man of the moment on the European Tour, having won the Girona Open and the Portuguese Open in the first few weeks of the season.

There are two prizes for runners-up in *The Times* competition: a day out for two, as the guests of the sponsors, at the Murphy's Cup on Saturday, June 8, and a similar excursion on the final day, June 9.

The competition is restricted to golfers who are aged 18 years or over, who have a handicap of 18 or better and who are members of a recognised golf club.

To enter, study the questions below, write your answers on the entry form and send it (to arrive by Monday, May 6) to:

Murphy's Cup competition,
Sports Department,
***The Times*,**
1 Pennington Street,
London E1 9XN.

The winner will be the sender of the first correct entry drawn from all those received by that day; the runners-up will be the senders of the next two correct entries.

THE QUESTIONS

1. After Ian Woosnam and José-María Olazábal, who was the leading European player in the US Masters this year?
2. When did Steven Richardson turn professional?
3. In which state in the United States will the Ryder Cup be played this year?
4. Who holds the professional course record at Fulford?
5. At which hole at Fulford did Bernhard Langer play from the branches of a tree?

ENTRY FORM

Name ....

....

Address ....

....

....

Telephone ....

Golf club ....

Handicap ....

ANSWERS

1 ....

2 ....

3 ....

4 ....

5 ....

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

Employees (and their relatives) of Times Newspapers Ltd, Whitbread or their agents are not eligible for entry. The Sports Editor's decision is final. No correspondence can be entered into.

CRICKET

Middlesex have no more than four serious challengers

By ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

AS THE cricket season begins in earnest today with the first round of matches in the Britannic Assurance Championship, it may seem premature to suggest that 12 out of 17 counties are wasting their time so much as dreaming about the title coming their way. At the risk of being proved embarrassingly wrong in five months' time, however, I am prepared to forecast this morning that the championship race will concern no more than five teams.

Middlesex, the holders, and Essex, who disputed last year's title to the final game and have between them won the championship ten times in 15 years, are obvious contenders. Worcestershire, champions in 1988 and 1989, have the resources to reclaim the pennant and Lancashire could repay a decade of rebuilding and 57 years of waiting. Surrey is the only club any realist can fancy as a live outsider.

Not for years has it been possible to take such a definite view before a ball has been bowled. Although only five counties have won it in the past 15 seasons, there have always been emerging sides of potential, such as Hampshire, Leicestershire and Northamptonshire, to consider.

These three have failed to deliver when their time has apparently been right and although the last named, at least, will set out with grand ambitions for an expensively structured team, they have misfired too often to be taken seriously.

There is an undercurrent of disenchantment at Northampton which Allan Lamb and Mike Procter will need to perform wonders to correct. But they will be worth watching for their utter unpredictability. Leicestershire's profile may be higher off the field, with Bob Simpson and Jack Birkenshaw doing the coaching, than on it, while Hampshire, not for the first time, seem frustratingly one bowler short of a quality team.

Warwickshire, fifth last year, lack the batting to sustain a challenge; Nottinghamshire are in need of younger blood; Glamorgan and Somerset are short of bowling, a remark which could now apply to Derbyshire with Bishop absent and Malcolm's availability limited. Sussex are an improving young team several years short of their peak and the remaining three, Gloucestershire, Kent and Yorkshire, could be destined to scrap over the wooden spoon, perhaps with Leicestershire for company.

Middlesex remain the best balanced side in the country, regularly playing two Test spin bowlers. They are my idea of this year's champions, although they must start their defence, against Yorkshire, without Roseberry, leaving the batting a shade thin. The long-term fitness of both Fraser and Ellcock is also uncertain.

There is an air of confidence at New Road, where Worcestershire have a full strength squad for their first game against a threadbare Gloucestershire. If Dilley, Newport and Radford can stay fit then, with the pitch regulations no longer so rigid and with the awesome batting combination of Hick and Moody in their corner, they must go close.

Lancashire seem certain to win something this season but with Atherton unable to bowl, their spin options are thin and the best guide to championship potential in this first round will come from Chelmsford, where Essex play Surrey.

Waqar Younis is a potential title-winner on last season's explosive form but do Surrey have the bowling to support him? Essex, with Gooch, Stephenson and Salim Malik already in the runs, will provide early clues to this and to their own prospects, with the emerging Ilott now a permanent partner for Foster, on whose suspect knees so much may depend.

Australians hope pride will upset Richards's farewell

From JOHN WOODCOCK IN ANTIGUA

IF THE fifth Test match between West Indies and Australia, which begins here today, lost something when the series was decided in Bridgetown on Wednesday, both sides still have plenty to play for. Vivian Richards has said that this will be his final Test in the Caribbean, and there is nowhere that he would rather be playing it than just round the corner from where he was born. Nothing but another "rampant" performance — a favourite word of his — will satisfy him.

For several of the Australians too, it will be the last time they play in the West Indies, and the extent of their two defeats — by ten wickets in the second Test and 343 runs in the fourth — is already as much as they can bear to think about. And if pride is not enough of a spur, Richards's outburst on Wednesday evening, in which he was so vehemently critical of Bobby Simpson, their manager, has given the Australians all the more reason for wanting to get some of their own back.

The officials of both sides, whether embarrassed or upset by Richards's unguarded comments, have rather closed ranks, though the Australians have asked to meet the West Indians to discuss the matter. Col Egar, chairman of the Australian Cricket Board, who is here at the moment, is undoubtedly right when he says that if the International Cricket Council's projected code of conduct was already in force, Richards would have to have infringed it.

Of course Richards was wrong, and his own record of intimidating umpires, which he accused Simpson of having done in his playing days, is nothing to be proud of. But at the end of great matches and fierce sporting contests, players' emotions have to be released. Uncontrollable tears, even from grown men, are not uncommon on such occasions. You need to think only of the golfers, with temperaments of steel, who have been reduced to speechlessness after the Ryder Cup. Richards's tirade on Wednesday came, albeit less harmlessly, from the same mainspring.

On the cricketing side, it would be wrong to suggest that Australia would have done a lot better in the last Test match had they included a specialist spinner, but to go into it with only three proper bowlers was clearly a mistake. This time, they are thinking of playing Alderman in place of Reid and Peter Taylor for Stephen Waugh.

The umpires are Steve Bucknor and Lloyd Barker. The appointment of Bucknor will be to the satisfaction of the Australians, but not of Barker. Besides being a cricket umpire, Bucknor is a Fifa referee, which is useful experience of a kind. Barker, who has stood in two Tests so far, is reckoned to have had a poor series, as is David Archer. Australia's defeat, however, has been far too comprehensive to be attributed to that.

☐ Allan Border, the Australian captain, faces a fitness examination on his chipped left thumb. Border has not missed a Test since 1979, 121 matches ago.

Worcestershire work hard

WORCESTERSHIRE made hard work of gaining their expected victory over Gloucestershire in the resumed Benson and Hedges Cup match at New Road yesterday (Geoffrey Wheeler writes).

Although the margin was a comfortable six wickets, they had only seven balls to spare and needed a bold innings from their captain, Phil Neale, to get them out of a tight spot.

Having resumed needing a further 138 from 36 overs with nine wickets in hand, Worcestershire cruised along nicely until Tim Curtis fell to a brilliant catch by the wicketkeeper, Jack Russell. David Lawrence then set the alarm bells ringing when he yorked Graeme Hick for 56 and suddenly Neale and Botham found themselves needing 32 from the last four overs.

Unfortunately for Gloucestershire the main bowlers had used up their allocations and the 52nd over, bowled by Scott, the opening batsman, yielded 12 runs, including a six to Neale who finished the match by hitting Scott for four. His unbeaten 48 came from 71 balls.

At Trowbridge, Hampshire needed only 41 minutes and 10.5 overs to complete a win, by eight wickets, over Minor Counties. The in-form Chris Smith finished 78 not out but he was completely upstaged by Julian Wood, a powerful young left-hander who made 54 of the 74 scored during the brief passage of play. Wood warmed to his work by taking 14 runs in three balls from the Dorset seamer Neil Taylor before turning his attention to the Oxfordshire off spinner, Rupert Evans, striking sixes from three successive deliveries.

Worcs v Gloucs

WORCESTER: *Worcestershire (2pts) bt Gloucestershire by six wickets*

GLOUCESTERSHIRE 197 (54.1 overs) (R C Russell 51; S R Lampitt 4-46).

WORCESTERSHIRE

T S Curtis c Russell b Smith	36
T M Moody c Lloyds b Lawrence	21
G A Hick b Lawrence	56
D B D'Oliveira c Hodgson b Scott	6
*P A Neale not out	48
I T Botham not out	18
Extras (lb 9, w 1, nb 3)	13
Total (4 wkts, 53.5 overs)	197

†S J Rhodes, P J Newport, R K Illingworth, S R Lampitt and N V Radford did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-39, 2-105, 3-114, 4-140.

BOWLING: Gilbert 11-0-36-0; Lawrence 11-3-35-2; Babington 11-3-27-0; Smith 11-2-30-1; Scott 7.5-0-42-1; Alleyne 2-0-19-0.

Gold award: S R Lampitt

Umpires: A A Jones and N T Plews.

Minor Cties v Hants

TROWBRIDGE: *Hampshire (2pts) beat Minor Counties by eight wickets*

MINOR COUNTIES 214 for five (55 overs) (G K Brown 82, J D Love 75).

HAMPSHIRE

T C Middleton run out	40
C L Smith not out	78
D I Gower c Roberts b Greensword	6
J R Wood not out	70
Extras (lb 9, w 11, nb 1)	21
Total (2 wkts, 49.5 overs)	215

*M C J Nicholas, J R Ayling, †A N Aymes, S D Udal, C A Connor, Aqib Javed and P J Bakker did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-76, 2-89.

BOWLING: Taylor 9-2-41-0; Green 10.5-0-35-0; Mack 10-1-48-0; Greensword 11-2-35-1; Evans 9-1-47-0.

Gold award: J R Wood

Umpires: G I Burgess and J W Holder

BOWLS

Thomson's aggression is beyond Allcock

FIVE counts of four epitomised the flamboyantly aggressive approach of the competitors in the United Kingdom indoor singles championship at Carlisle yesterday (David Rhys Jones writes).

Significantly, three of the full houses were scored by Andy Thomson, who advanced his claim to be Britain's top singles player by defeating the official No. 1, Tony Allcock, in a thrilling final. Thomson, who has beaten Allcock en route to three England titles, beat Angus Blair, of East Lothian, in the semi-final, leaping from 3-3 to 7-3 in the fourth set when Blair's misdirected drive took out the wrong bowl.

After losing the first two sets to Allcock, Thomson trailed 5-1 in the third, but gradually found a better length and scored a vital four to win the set, followed by another full house on his way to victory in the fourth.

When Allcock's favourite weapon — his normally accurate attacking shot — failed, Thomson took the final set, 7-1, to complete a remarkable rally.

RESULTS: Semi-finals: A Allcock (Eng) bt A Marshall (Scot), 7-5, 0-7, 7-5, 7-6; A Thomson (Eng) bt A Blair (Scot), 6-7, 7-2, 7-4, 7-3. Final: Thomson bt Allcock, 6-7, 4-7, 7-6, 7-2, 7-1.

CYCLING

Falcon poised to swoop at West Malling

BANANA-Falcon, with six stage wins from the recent Settimana Bergamasca race in northern Italy, should be more than strong enough for another victory tomorrow in the VC Elan 81 miles event near West Malling, Kent (Peter Bryan writes).

Their dominance in Italy was led by Chris Walker with four stage wins in the ten-day race, backed up by Chris Lillywhite and Jon Clay, who also scored.

The team captain, Shane Sutton, won last year's Milk Race, but may play a supporting role when this year's event starts at Bridlington on May 26.

Tomorrow's event marks the return of Tony Doyle.

Missing from the line-up will be Joey McLoughlin, who has delayed his start to the season until Wednesday's opening round of the Scottish Provident League at Leeds.

FOLLOW YOUR TEAM
THE BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
DIAL 0898 1214
Then Add the Number You Want

DERBYSHIRE	66	MIDDLESEX	14
ESSEX	16	NORTHANTS	50
GLAMORGAN	30	NOTTS.	60
GLOUCS.	34	SOMERSET	24
HAMPSHIRE	22	SURREY	33
KENT	21	SUSSEX	12
LANCASHIRE	69	WARWICKS.	56
LEICS.	42	WORCS.	55
		YORKSHIRE	44

cricketcall
THE

Calls cost 34p/minute cheap; 45p/minute other times. Supercall, 1-9 Downham Road, London N1 5AA

Pausing for thought: Meo lines up his next shot during his match against Steve Davis at Sheffield yesterday

The longest frame of all

By STEVE ACTESON

STEVE Davis and Tony Meo, once doubles partners but now solely sparring partners, were credited with an Embassy world snooker championship record at the Crucible Theatre, Sheffield, yesterday, that neither player is likely to cherish.

The pair went into the final session of their best of 25 frames second-round match in the £750,000 event last night with Davis 8-6 ahead. They had already played two under their official quota of 16 frames, having taken 7½ hours to cover the first two sessions and they also mananged to stretch out the fourteenth frame to 69 minutes and 28 seconds, the longest in world championship history.

After Meo had replied to the six-times champion, Davis's 42 break with a run of 37 to lead by 45-43 the contestants then spent an astonishing 25 minutes and 30 seconds over the yellow ball.

Meo actually sunk it in the end but had looked increasingly harassed as he gave away a total of 29 points in fouls on that single ball, having been snookered five times and on two other occasions errantly sinking the cue ball.

Davis, who had beaten Meo on 15 of their 16 previous tournament meetings, himself contributed 16 points to the foul tally on the yellow but still held the whip hand until then he suicidally cannoned in the pink while attempting a safety shot on the green, thus freeing the top right hand pocket and giving a much relieved Meo the chance to clear to pink.

The previous longest frame, between Doug Mountjoy and Cliff Thorburn in the 1980 championship, was also 69 minutes but was not precisely timed. The next longest, of 68 minutes, was that epic 35th and final frame of the 1985 final between Dennis Taylor and Davis.

The world No. 2, having led 4-3 overnight, extended his advantage to 7-3, helped by breaks of 31 and 78, but Meo then compiled a superb clearance of 114. The world No. 15, who has lost his place in the top 32 after a dreadful season, retreated into his defensive shell in frame 16, however, when he rejected a half chance on the final pink and paid the penalty.

Gary Wilkinson, the world No. 19, who has booked a place in the top six next season, defeated the No. 5 seed, Doug Mountjoy by 10-2 in the first roundand yesterday he set about the fifteenth seed, Martin Clark, taking a 7-1 lead with breaks of 42, 64, 75, 60, 56 and 44.

Stephen Hendry, the defending champion from Scotland, needs three frames out of nine this morning to defeat Alain Robidoux, of Canada, and move into the quarter-finals.

After recording his fou century of the championship an 8-4 lead yesterday, Henc then made two sloppy mistal and Robidoux, who lost o 10-8 to Hendry la year,recovered to 8-6, only make two mistakes of his ow from which Hendry made wi ning breaks of 82 and 77.

RESULTS: First round: A Jones (Eng) b Hallett (Eng), 10-4. Frame scores (Hal first): 104-28, 65-66, 11-84, 15-59, 102-8, 107, 66-40, 69-21, 56-69, 29-91, 34-69, 6 30-60, 7-66. D Reynolds (Eng) bt R Meal (Eng), 10-6. Frame scores (Reynolds fi 45-66, 61-42, 17-66, 46-70, 78-52, 5-78, (108)-0, 73-54, 14-82, 96-10, 71-20, 73-41, 0, 12-81, 43-74, 32-68, 77-25, 53-7. Seco round (best of 25 frames): G Wilkinson (E leads M Clark (Eng), 7-1. Frame sco (Clark first): 50-65, 11-64, 35-92, 45-76, 53- 31-72, 24-69, 47-73. S Davis (Eng) leads Meo (Eng), 8-6. Frame scores (Davis fi 48-53, 70-26, 99-43, 66-22, 55-64, 69-19, 66, 71-24, 80-39, 60-14, 0-124 (114), 58- 34-65, 72-67. S Hendry (Scot) leads Robidoux (Can) 10-6. (Hendry first) 69-1, 20, 46-73, 69-7, 20-101, 44-67, 90-20, 86 97-23, 75-33, 0-75, 102-1, 36-76, 33-76, 82 94-25.

TABLE TENNIS

England inspired by Prean

By RICHARD EATON

ENGLAND'S men made certain of qualifying for the second stage of the world championships with an excellent 3-1 win against Yugoslavia in Chiba, Japan, yesterday.

Carl Prean won twice to lead the way, beating Ilije Lupulescu for the first time.

RESULTS: Men: Group A: Korea bt Nigeria, 3-0; Japan bt Taiwan, 3-0; Sweden bt Belgium, 3-1; England bt Yugoslavia, 3-1 (English names first: C Prean bt Z Kalinic, 21-14, 21-10; Chen Xinhua bt I Lupulesku, 21-16, 21-18; Chen and A Cooke lost to Kalinic and Z Primorac, 16-21, 15-21; Prean bt Lupulesku 17-21, 21-17, 21-17); Taiwan bt Nigeria, 3-0; Sweden bt England, 3-0 (Swedish names first): O Waldner bt Cooke, 21-9, 21-12; M Persson bt Prean, 23-21, 16-21, 21-11; Persson and Appelgren bt Cooke and Chen, 21-18, 23-21); Belgium bt Japan, 3-1; Yugoslavia bt Korea, 3-2. Group B: Poland bt The Netherlands, 3-1; Soviet Union bt France, 3-2; China bt Hungary, 3-1; Germany bt Czechoslovakia, 3-0; China bt Poland, 3-0; Czechoslovakia bt France, 3-2; The Netherlands bt Soviet Union, 3-1; Germany bt Hungary, 3-0. Group C: Luxembourg bt Sri Lanka, 3-0; India bt Iran, 3-0; Brazil bt Bangladesh, w/o; India bt Bangladesh, w/o; Brazil bt Luxembourg, 3-0; Iran bt United Arab Emirates, 3-0. Group D: Ireland bt Thailand, 3-1; United States bt Ghana, w/o; Switzerland bt Kuwait, w/o; Switzerland bt Ghana, w/o; United States bt Ireland, 3-0. Group E: Spain bt Mongolia, 3-0; Indonesia bt Hong Kong, 3-2; Peru bt Saudi Arabia, 3-0; Indonesia bt Peru, 3-1. Group F: Finland bt Yemen, w/o; Australia bt Palestine, wo; Malaysia bt Mexico, 3-0; Australia bt Yemen, w/o; Finland bt Malaysia, 3-0. Group G: Greece bt Malta, 3-0; Austria bt Norway, 3-0; San Marino bt Cyprus, 3-0. Group H: Cuba bt Iceland, 3-0; Pakistan bt Egypt, 3-2; Denmark bt Scotland, 3-0; Cuba bt Scotland, 3-0; Denmark bt Pakistan, 3-1; Egypt bt Iceland, 3-0. Group J: Turkey bt Macao, 3-0; Italy bt New Zealand, 3-0; Kenya bt Ecuador, w/o; New Zealand bt Ecuador, w/o; Italy bt Turkey, 3-0; Macao bt Kenya, 3-0. Group K: Israel bt Portugal, 3-0; Canada bt Philippines, 3-0; Romania bt Wales, 3-0; Canada bt Portugal, 3-0; Israel bt Wales, 3-0; Philippines bt Sudan, w/o; Wales bt Philippines, 3-1.

Women: First round: Group A: Hungary bt Yugoslavia, 3-0; China bt Soviet Union, 3-0; Bulgaria bt Taiwan, 3-1; Czechoslovakia bt England, 3-0 (Czech names first: R Kasalova bt L Lomas, 12-21, 21-13, 21-12; A Safarova bt A Holt, 19-21, 21-18, 21-9; Safarova/Kasalova bt Lomas/Holt, 21-8, 18-21, 21-16); China bt Czechoslovakia, 3-1; Hungary bt Soviet Union, 3-0; Yugoslavia bt Bulgaria, 3-0; England bt Taiwan, 3-1 (English names first: L Lomas bt Bai Huiyin, 19-21, 21-16, 21-19; A Holt bt Lin, 18-21, 21-18, 21-19; Lomas and Holt lost to Lin and Bai, 21-17, 18-21, 18-21; Lomas bt Lin, 21-16, 18-21, 28-26). Group B: Hong Kong bt United States, 3-0; Korea bt Sweden, 3-0; Japan bt The Netherlands, 3-2; France bt Romania, 3-1; Hong Kong bt Sweden, 3-0; Romania bt United States, 3-0; Korea bt Japan, 3-0; France bt The Netherlands, 3-1. Group C: Cuba bt Malta, 3-0; Denmark bt Nigeria, 3-0. Group D: Germany bt Switzerland, 3-0; Malaysia bt Turkey, w/o. Group E: India bt Ghana, w/o; Austria bt Greece, 3-0; Liechtenstein bt Yemen, w/o. Group F: Brazil bt Kenya, 3-0; Canada bt Scotland, 3-0. Group G: Finland bt Egypt, 3-0; Australia bt Wales, 3-0. Group H: Luxembourg bt Spain, 3-0; Belgium bt Norway, 3-0. Group J: Poland bt Colombia, 3-0; Macao bt Israel, 3-0. Group K: Indonesia bt Peru, 3-0; New Zealand bt Italy, 3-1. Team event: First round: Group C: Pakistan bt Malta, 3-1; Denmark bt Cuba, 3-0. Group D: Portugal bt Turkey, w/o; Germany bt Malaysia, 3-1. Group E: Greece bt Liechtenstein, 3-0; India bt Austria, 3-2; Ghana bt Yemen, w/o. Group F: Cyprus bt Kenya, 3-0; Brazil bt Canada, 3-2. Group G: Wales bt Mexico, 3-0; Finland bt Australia, 3-1. Group H: Norway bt Sudan, w/o; Belgium bt Luxembourg, 3-0; Spain bt Ecuador, w/o. Group J: Israel bt Philippines, 3-0; Poland bt Macao 3-2. Group K: New Zealand bt Sri Lanka, 3-1; Indonesia bt Italy, 3-2.

YACHTING

Third place has to do for Jeantot

From BARRY PICKTHALL IN NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND

PHILIPPE Jeantot, winner of the two previous BOC singlehanded round the world races, had to content himself with third place yesterday after reaching the Newport finish nine days outside Christophe Auguin's winning time.

The Frenchman's performance, in his last round the world race, underscores a remarkable recovery following a disasterous third stage through the Southern Ocean around Cape Horn. His 60ft yacht Credit Agricole was badly damaged in a collision with an iceberg and the yacht reached Punta del Este with her sails in tatters, last in class.

The 39-year-old veteran of four circumnavigations, however, has more than made up the defecit on this final 6,000-mile stage to displace the leading American, Mike Plant, in third place.

Earlier, Alain Gautier, the Frenchman, so cruelly robbed of first place during the final run-in to Newport, spoke of his disappointment. "This was decided in the last 200 miles of a 27,000 mile race. It is very difficult for me to accept that," he said at the finish.

BOC CHALLENGE: Final stage (Punta del Este to Newport) 1, Groupe Sceta (C Auguin, Fr) 23days: 14hours 11mins; 2, Generali Concorde (A Gautier, Fr) 28:01:56; 3, Credit Agricole (P Jeantot, Fr) 28:15:34; Overall: 1, Groupe Sceta, 120:22:38; 2, Generali Concorde 122:12:55; 3, Credit Agricole, 128:14:49. Leading positions at 08.30 GMT yesterday with miles to Newport Rhode Island Class 1: 4, Innkeeper (D Adams, Aus) 449; 5, Duracell (M Plant, USA) 594; 6, Ecureuil PC (I Autissier, Fr) 608; 7, Jarkan (K Birtles, Aus) 734; 8, BBV Expo '92 (J Ugarte, Sp) 684; 9, Grinaker (B Reed, SA) 758; 10, Alba Regia (N Fa, Hun) 802. Class 2: 1, Servant (Y Dupasquier, Fr) 668; 2, Buttercup (D McIntyre, Aus) 833; 3, New Spirit of Ipswich (J Hall, GB) 945; 4, Project City Kids (J Boye, USA) 1,034; 5, Sebago (H Roth, USA) 2,842. Corinthian class: 1, Global Exposure (R Davis, GB) 1,569; 2, Volcano (P Thackaberry, USA) 1,635; 3, Shutendohji (M Saito (Japan) 1,865.

GOLF

Martín takes the lead

MADRID (Agencies) — Miguel Martín, of Spain, yesterday added a 67 to his first-round 69 to lead the qualifiers for the final 36 holes of the Madrid Open golf tournament at Puerta de Hierra, near Madrid.

Russell Claydon, the Cambridgeshire player, followed his opening six-under-par 66 with a 72 to share foruth place with David Feherty, of Northern Ireland, and Mats Lanner, of Sweden.

LEADING SECOND-ROUND SCORES (GB and Ireland unless stated): 136: M-A Martin (Sp), 69, 67. 137: A Sherborne, 70, 67; P Curry, 70, 67. 138: D Feherty 70, 68; M Lanner (Swe), 72, 66; R Claydon, 66, 72. 139: E Romero (Arg), 73, 66; V Singh (Fiji), 71, 68. 140: C Parry (Aus), 71, 69; Daniel Silva (Por), 71, 69; S Luna (Sp), 74, 66. 141: D Clarke, 70, 71; G Ralph, 71, 70; P Way, 73, 68; D Smyth, 72, 69; D A Russell, 69, 72; D Gilford, 72, 69; J Bland (SA), 71, 70. 142: M Gates 72, 70; E Darcy, 73, 69; E O'Connell, 69, 73. 143: W Malley (US), 73, 70; P Fowler (Aus), 72, 71; M James, 71, 72; P Walton, 76, 67; P Teravainen (US), 71, 72; I Gervas (Sp), 73, 70; M McLean, 73, 70; S Torrance, 73, 70; Y Beamonte (Sp), 73, 70; J Rivero (Sp), 70, 73.

144: R Karlsson (Swe), 74, 70; J Townsend (US), 74, 70; J Hobday, 73, 71; C O'Connor jun, 72, 72; R Boxall, 73, 71; R Stelten (US), 71, 73; L Gabarda (Sp), 74, 70; V Fernandez (Arg), 74, 70; A Forsbrand (Swe), 77, 67; M Persson (Swe), 74, 70; J Spence, 73, 71; J-M Carriles (Sp), 70, 74. 145: M Pendaries (Fr), 74, 71; G Cali (It), 73, 72; A Hunter, 73, 72; D Durnian, 74, 71; M Pinero (Sp), 75, 70; J-M Canizares (Sp), 71, 74; C Hardin, 78, 67; A Charnley, 73, 72; J Coceres (Arg), 71, 74; G Turner, 73, 72; R Drummond, 76, 69; J Quiros (Sp), 74, 71; J Anglada (Sp), 76, 69. 146: A Saavedra (Arg), 76, 70; M Moreno (Sp), 74, 72; E Rodriguez (Sp), 74, 72; D Cooper, 75, 71; G Levenson (SA), 73, 73; S Bowman (US), 72, 74; D A Russell, 74, 72; S Hamill, 73, 73; M Mackenzie, 77, 69; R Lee, 72, 74; I Feliu (Sp), 71, 75; A Pinero (Sp), 74, 72.

Wolcott revels in sun

GREENSBORO, North Carolina (AP) — Bob Wolcott, who has finished no higher than fiftieththis season, had his day in the sun at the Greater Greensboro Open on Thursday, but not before Mark O'Meara and Chris Perry nearly caught his shadow. He shot a 67, five under par for a one-stroke lead after the first round. O'Meara needed a six-foot putt for a par on the 18th green to tie Wolcott, but instead got a bogey to fall into a second-place tie with Chris Perry.

Wolcott sank a 60-foot birdie putt on his opening hole. He saved par-three at the fourth hole with a 20-foot putt, collected another birdie at the fifth hole and a front nine of 34.

Scores, page 35

Couples just holds on

Fred Couples, the American Ryder Cup golfer, held on to his overnight lead when he shot a second round of 67 in the Tournoi Perrier de Paris at La Boulie today. With a ten under par halfway total of 132 Couples leads by two strokes from Scott Simpson.

LEADING SCORES (US unless stated): 132: F Couples, 65, 67. 134: S Simpson, 69, 65. 137: B Tennyson, 67, 70; B Tway, 71, 66. 138: J Cook, 69, 69. 139: N Henke, 71, 68; P Barquez (Fr), 69, 70.

TO PLACE YOUR ENTERTAINMENT ADVERTISEMENT IN THE TIMES

TRADE ADVERTISERS
TEL: 071-481 1920

ADVERTISING FAX NO.
071-481 9313

TELEX
925088

PRIVATE ADVERTISERS
TEL: 071-481 4000

MAJOR CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED

Birth and Death notices may be accepted over the telephone. For publication the following day please telephone by 5.00 pm, or between 9 am and 1.00 pm on Saturday for Monday's paper

Please telephone
071-481 4000

THE TIMES
SPORTS SERVICES

CRICKET
Reports and latest scores
Call 0898 500 178

RACING
Live commentary
Call 0898 500 123
Results
Call 0898 100 123

FOOTBALL
Full League programme
Call 0898 400 742

SNOOKER
Reports from the Embassy world championship
Call 0898 500 119

Calls cost 34p per min cheap rate, 45p per min other times inc VAT

Hoddle campaign for real football

CLIVE WHITE

STROLLING out of the dressing room, looking as dapper as ever in a designer sweater, he could have been any other young player who did not have a care in the world other than kicking a football. Pressures of the job, fear of failure have yet to weigh him down as they do most managers in his position, facing relegation.

But then Glenn Hoddle always was a laid back kind of character, too laid back, some might say, for the rigours of management. Another reason, if only to explain why he was smiling, was that he had just spent an hour and a half doing what, for the time being, he still does best — kicking a football.

Hoddle took time out last Wednesday from fretting over how he could turn Swindon Town's good performances into good results by steering the reserves, from his experimental role of sweeper, to a 6-1 win over Millwall and then remarked: "That was great for me to switch off and just have my mind on football again."

Watching Hoddle, as elegant as ever, drop his 60-yard passes on to the toenails of the Swindon youngsters at the County Ground, it was hard to believe that Chris Waddle, his great friend and former fellow Francophile, would take any greater satisfaction later in the day when he and his Marseilles colleagues claimed their place in the European Cup final.

It was only Hoddle's second competitive game in 20 months since a knee injury, sustained while playing for Monaco, concentrated his mind, at the age of 33, on his long-term future in the game. Spiritually guided for the last five years, Hoddle felt that "something" was driving him on through the months montonously spent building up his left knee, which he said will never be quite as good as before.

"I'm a great believer in destiny. Everything felt right about coming here. Ossie (Ardiles) had got the team playing good football, there was a fresh board and there was, of course, the Tottenham connection."

The Tottenham born-again backroom staff consists of John Gorman, the coach, who played with Hoddle at Tottenham, and Peter Day, the chief executive, and Keith Burkinshaw, the chief scout, who were respectively the secretary and manager at White Hart Lane.

Hoddle sees it as a blessing in disguise that he cannot play for the first team this season. "It would have been an added pressure and difficult for me to assess the way the team was playing. But I'm keen to get out there next season because I know I cannot get any greater respect from my players than if I am out there performing well alongside them."

The frustration at not being able to help them in their plight — one win in five since Hoddle took over — has been the hardest thing for Hoddle to come to terms with. But he feared that that frustration might not disappear entirely if and when he is fit enough to play.

HUGH ROUTLEDGE

Swindon crusader: behind the Hoddle smile and the calm exterior is the man battling to avoid relegation

While the role of sweeper may, in some ways, seem to have been designed with Hoddle in mind, it would mean that he would be less involved than he was in midfield and he was concerned about that. Involvement for Hoddle means letting the ball do the work. He said that he felt sorry watching Millwall's forwards expend half their energy trying to close him down.

Hoddle is only too aware that the idea of him fulfilling the defensive duties of the sweeper might cause some to snigger, but he maintained that he could defend when he needed to.

"It's going to be a new experience for me. I never asserted myself defensively before because I did not see that as my function. My mind wasn't clued into it but it will be a little more now."

It sounded totally alien to everything Hoddle stood for as a player to hear him talking of getting the defence right and clean sheets, but his philosophy on the game has not changed and he remains passionately committed to defeating the long-ball game at every opportunity he gets.

"In England we're a little bit shallow in the sense that we say: 'We're not good enough, we're going to chase and run and kick it in the channels.' Sometimes I think it's the English Channel they kick it into.

"It's a fallacy that we can't play in this country. A lot of young players are not allowed to play, so we don't see half the talents they've got. They've got to be encouraged to play and allowed to make mistakes."

Playing football in the Tottenham tradition in which he was brought up and seeing it succeed is almost a crusade for Hoddle, more important even than the glory.

In at least one respect Hoddle has a big advantage over his fellow idealists who sacrificed their principles when the fear of losing their job became too great. Any man who can afford to pass up the remainder of a £10,000 a week contract to keep what he believes is an appointment with destiney is not going to be easily sidetracked.

Auld Lang Syne to the days of football purdah

LAURA THOMPSON

The England and Scotland women's football teams played each other for the first time 19 years ago, but only last week did this home international make it on to Channel 4 television. What popularity may follow? It is at least possible that, sated with repetitive footballing stories, people may occasionally yearn to escape from this ceaseless cyclical saga, occasionally decide to pursue the tangential pleasures of the more pristine women's game, where hype is as yet unknown.

I cannot actually believe that hype will ever become a major factor, simply because the footballing world is an unquestioning patriarchy, some of whose citizens probably regard their distaff side rather in the way that Henry VIII regarded his. This will keep the female game at the level of a minor offshoot from a great masculine tree.

Barrie Williams, however, the newly-appointed manager of the women's England side, is more in George VI mode, one who will not countenance obstacles to the female claim: "This business of women's football, is it different? — it is not different."

Williams would appear to be the perfect man for this job, and not just because in his first game in charge England devastated Scotland 5-0. No, he seems always to have existed in an outer hype-free zone of the footballing world, a less frenetic land where jobs like managing an international women's side are seen as an fascinating challenge rather than as a means to some more mainstream end. His background is unusual.

He was an English teacher, which gave him the ability to think literately about football, although he has never mastered the Great Footballing Philosophies, the concept of the game of two halves, the mathematical proposition that if you are a goal behind, you must try to score another.

He also managed Sutton United, the GM Vauxhall Conference team, and took them past Coventry City of the first division, in the FA Cup in 1989 and almost immediately afterwards left the club, sensing the time and tide in the affairs of men which if taken at the flood etc.

He once quoted Kipling to his players and was thereafter cast by the media in the role of a footballing Inspector Morse. But just as Morse is actually an extremely canny policeman, so Williams is rather more down to earth about football than his image might suggest. I have noticed that people discuss the game, indeed most sport, in more literate fashion; or perhaps it would be truer to say that some people of a more foppish bent are now discussing sport in the way that they formerly reserved only for the arts, possibly seeing sport as a more powerful metaphor for life.

I was talking recently to a friend and loudly lamenting — in safe knowledge that I knew more about it than he did — the difference between football as played by, say, Wimbledon and Nottingham Forest. The footballing stuff passed him by, but he got the wider point. But for all the elegance of Forest, one sometimes hungers for Stuart Pearce to knock Nigel Clough's petit point out of his pretty feet and boot the ball into the net.

Likewise, one does not want only to talk about sport in an analytical fashion. And certainly Barry Williams is a Hotspur, not a Hamlet, when it comes to football. Competitiveness is what really counts: Wimbledon do "some amazing things"; Forest "lose more games than they win.

The women's game is a basic exhibition of skills and one can see exactly what is going on. It is slower, it is shorter because "it takes great power to kick a ball 60 yards with accuracy", there are more goals because the defence is weaker than the attack and the professionally aggressive McMahon element is absent.

Pace Barry Williams, I found the simplicity of the game made it very different from the boredom of Manchester United's unstylish stuttering around Legia Warsaw the other night. Nevertheless, if the England team wants to survive in the European Cup next season then the defence is going to have to become more "vigorous"; the attacking dominance which makes the women's game so watchable will have to be counterbalanced.

Women's rugby is harder to accept as a sport than women's football, simply because aggression is essential to rugby, whereas it is merely useful in football, and aggression is traditionally a masculine trait. To women who like football, good players are idols just as they are to men, and their skills are just as appreciated; the notion of emulating, say, Chris Waddle is not beyond the bounds of feminine daydreaming because his abilities are asexual, gracefully powerful. The woman who wishes to emulate Mike Teague is a rarer being. So, too, the woman whose role model is Mark Wright, even if she is a woman who plays for an England team that has to win at all costs.

Cobbold gives up control at Ipswich

PATRICK Cobbold has resigned as chairman of Ipswich Town after increasing pressure from supporters to stand down with the club at its lowest ebb for 25 years. He will be succeeded by John Kerr, a Suffolk farmer.

The resignation means that for only the second time in their history as a professional club, Ipswich will not have a member of the Cobbold family as head of the board.

In a tribute to Cobbold, his successor said: "He has had this club on the crest of a wave. He took the team to Wembley to win the FA Cup in 1978 and to victory in the Uefa Cup of 1981. He has a style that is unique."

Kevin Sheedy, Everton's Republic of Ireland midfield player, has asked to be taken off the transfer list. Sheedy requested a move last August.

The Liverpool defender, Gary Gillespie, has pulled out of Scotland's European championship qualifying match in San Marino next week with a hamstring injury.

Michael McRitchie, a 53-year-old retired businessman, is the new chairman of fourth-division Northampton Town, having bought the controlling shareholding held by Dick Underwood, who put the club up for sale after revealing overall debts approaching £500,000.

A point may suit Oldham

By Clive White

THE nagging disappointment of narrow failure in cup and League last season will be vanquished for Oldham Athletic today if they win away to Ipswich Town and thereby clinch promotion to the first division. A draw will suffice, if Notts County fail to beat Plymouth Argyle at home.

It will be no more than Joe Royle and his team deserve for bouncing back the way they have this season. The same might be said of Sheffield Wednesday, on whom relegation stealthily crept up on last season and who were then unluckily denied a reprieve when Swindon Town lost their first division place by default.

Wednesday are determined that last Sunday's Rumbelows Cup victory over Manchester United will not be their consolation prize for the season, though they may have to stop being so generous to visitors if they are to go up with West Ham United and, in all probability, Oldham.

Wednesday, who need nine points from their last five games to be sure of promotion, were brought down from the clouds by Leicester City in midweek and today receive Barnsley, a side with rather better credentials than Leicester and nurturing hopes of promotion themselves.

"Barnsley have had three games in six days, which is quite a test for them — but this wil be our second one since last Sunday," Ron Atkinson, the Wednesday manager, said. "I don't think the draw against Leicester was disastrous, especially in view of our goal difference advantage."

Wednesday will be boosted by the return of Carlton Palmer, their outstanding young midfield player who missed the Wembley final and the Leicester match through suspension.

West Ham, who achieved promotion a week ago, still need a maximum of nine points from four games to ensure that they go up as champions. Blackburn Rovers, who receive the London club, will be just as motivated though, seated as they are, precariously close to the third division.

Stuart Pearson, the West Bromwich Albion assistant manager, has set his players, as they prepare for the game against Port Vale at The Hawthorns, a six-point target if they are not to avoid relegation to the third division for the first time in their 112-year history.

"The crazy thing about this season is that all the sides at the bottom of the table are now showing promotion form," the former England forward said.

TODAY'S TEAM NEWS

Second division

Blackburn v West Ham

Breacker returns for West Ham after missing 11 games through injury. McAvennie is banned. Blackburn will be unchanged.

Bristol C v Millwall

Aizlewood plays sweeper in an unchanged Bristol side. Goodman could be recalled to partner Sheringham in the Millwall attack. McCleary, Briley and Wood are all fit.

Hull v Brighton

Swan is recalled after suspension in place of Hunter in the Hull attack. Brighton may drop Codner and are looking to give Iovan, their Romanian international defender, his first league start. Bissett is back in the squad a year after breaking his leg.

Ipswich v Oldham

Oldham opt for an extra forward and bring in Currie in place of Redfearn — their top scorer. Ipswich are unchanged.

Middlesbrough v Wolves

Bull misses his first match through injury for Wolves in 4½ years and could be out for the rest of the season because of a hamstring injury. Paskin is the likely replacement. Middlesbrough recall Slaven in place of Baird, who has been suspended.

Notts Co v Plymouth

County are at full strength. Tallon, a defender, may make his debut for Plymouth.

Sheff Wed v Barnsley

Palmer returns for Wednesday after missing the Rumbelows Cup final and a midweek game through suspension. Barnsley may recall Taggart.

Net losses

Zimbabwe's top-ranked women's player, Sally-Ann McDonald, has been banned for two years by local tennis authorities for competing in the nominally-independent South African homeland of Bophutatswana. She cannot take part in tournaments under the jurisdiction of the Tennis Association of Zimbabwe.

SECOND DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
West Ham	42	23	14	5	56	28	83
Oldham	42	22	13	7	76	48	79
Sheff Wed	41	19	15	7	69	44	72
Notts Co	42	19	11	12	65	53	68
Millwall	43	18	13	12	63	47	67
Brighton	43	19	7	17	60	66	64
Middlesbro	42	18	9	15	62	44	63
Bristol C	42	19	6	17	62	61	63
Barnsley	42	17	11	14	58	43	62
Oxford Utd	43	13	19	11	68	63	58
Bristol R	42	15	12	15	53	51	57
Newcastle	42	14	15	13	46	51	57
Wolves	43	12	18	13	59	59	54
Ipswich	42	12	18	12	54	59	54
Charlton	43	12	16	15	55	58	52
Port Vale	42	14	9	19	50	60	51
Plymouth	43	11	17	15	52	62	50
Portsmouth	43	13	11	19	54	65	50
Blackburn	43	13	9	21	46	62	48
Swindon	43	11	14	18	58	66	47
Leicester	43	13	8	22	55	75	47
West Brom	43	10	15	18	49	58	45
Watford	43	10	15	18	41	56	45
Hull	43	8	15	20	53	83	39

Yorath makes changes

TERRY Yorath, the Welsh manager, has called Colin Pascoe, the Sunderland forward, and Gavin Maguire, the Portsmouth defender, into his squad for the international against Iceland in Cardiff on Wednesday.

Pascoe will replace Ian Rush, of Liverpool, who withdrew from the squad on Thursday with a thigh injury, while Maguire comes in for Eric Young, the Crystal Palace defender, who cried off on Monday with a knee injury.

Yorath intends to use the Iceland game and the friendly against Poland in Radom on May 29 as warm-up games for the vital European Championship game with Germany in Cardiff on June 5.

"It's obviously a blow losing Ian, but this will give some of the younger players a chance to show what they can do," Yorath said.

Yorath plans to watch Iceland in action against England B at Watford tomorrow.

☐ Steve Thompson, the Lincoln City manager, has been charged by the FA with bringing the game into disrepute after a recent local derby against Scunthorpe. Thompson had to be restrained by his players and allegedly swore at referee John Key, who sent off another Lincoln player and booked a total of six others from both sides.

FOR THE RECORD

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Milwaukee Brewers 9, Texas Rangers 1; Toronto Blue Jays 3, Detroit Tigers 2; Minnesota Twins 4, Seattle Mariners 3 (in 10).

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Cincinnati Reds 6, Chicago Cubs 4; Pittsburgh Pirates 8, Montreal Expos 0, Philadelphia Phillies 6, New York Mets 3, Los Angeles Dodgers 7, San Francisco Giants 1

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Play-offs: Chicago Bulls 126, New York Knicks 85 (Bulls lead best-of-five series 1-0); Philadelphia 76ers 99, Milwaukee Bucks 90 (76ers lead best-of-five series 1-0); San Antonio Spurs 130, Golden State Warriors 121 (Spurs lead best-of-five series 1-0); Los Angeles Lakers 94, Houston Rockets 92 (Lakers lead best-of-five series 1-0), Utah Jazz 129, Phoenix Suns 90 (Jazz lead best-of-five series 1-0)

CRICKET

RAPID CRICKETLINE CHAMPIONSHIP: Chesterfield: Derbyshire 151 and 176 (J Benjamin 5-79), Warwickshire 416 (R G Twose 125, S J Green 108, J J Ratcliffe 68, I Folley 4-60). Warwickshire won by an innings and 89 runs.

FOOTBALL

LIBERTADORES CUP: First round: Atlético Nacional Medellin (Col) 2, Liga Deportiva Universitaria (Ec) 0 (Atlético win 4-2 on agg); America Cali (Col) 3, Deportes Concepcion (Chile) 3 (America win 6-3 on agg).

CAMEL CUP: Final: Club Monterrey (Mex) 0, Luis Angel Firpo (El Salvador) 0 (Monterrey win 5-3 on pens)

PORT-AU-PRINCE: Women's World Cup: Concacaf qualifying group: Haiti 0, United States 10.

OVENDEN PAPERS COMBINATION: Reading 0, Chelsea 2; West Ham United 0, Queen's Park Rangers 3

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Manchester City 3, Sunderland 1; Newcastle United 1, Manchester United 2; Nottingham Forest 0, Blackburn Rovers 4

WENDY FAIR CAPITAL LEAGUE: Wealdstone 1, Leyton Orient 5.

VAUXHALL LEAGUE: Premier division: Bishop's Stortford 0, Hendon 0. First division: Boreham Wood 0, Bromley 2. Second division north: Ware 1, Witham 1.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Southern division: Buckingham 2, Fareham 0. Midland division: Barry 3, Willenhall 0

HFS LOANS LEAGUE: First division: Emley 3, Lancaster 0, Harrogate 0, Irlam 0; Workington 1, Congleton 2

ESSEX THAMES-SIDE TROPHY: Billericay 4, Walthamstow Pennant 1

KNIGHT FLOODLIT CUP: Quarter-final: Basildon 2, Clacton 0.

GOLF

GREENSBORO, North Carolina: Greater Greensboro Open: First-round leaders (US unless stated). 67: R Wolcott 68: M O'Meara, C Perry 69: B Claar, D Peoples, K Triplett, J Sindelar, P Stewart, L Wadkins, G Sauers, M Dennis. 70: R Gilder, G Hallberg, D Barr (Can), J Inman, R Springer, R Thompson, B Eastwood, W Wood, H Twitty, B McCallister.

IBARAKI, Japan: Men's tournament (Japanese unless stated). Second-round leaders: 136: N Ozaki, 71, 65; R Mackay (Aus), 69, 67; H Shigenobu, 70, 66. 137: M Kuramoto, 71, 66; F Minoza (Phil), 68, 69; A Yokoyama, 70, 67. Other scores: 139: L Porter (US), 71, 68; S Ballesteros (Sp) 70, 69. 140: M Harwood (Aus), 71, 69

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Stanley Cup play-off matches: Adams division: Boston Bruins 4, Montreal Canadiens 1 (Bruins lead best-of-seven series, 3-2): Patrick division: Pittsburgh Penguins 4, Washington Capitals 1 (Penguins win best-of-seven series, 4-1).

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP (in Finland): Turku: Soviet Union 5, Canada 3; Canada 3, Sweden 3. Tampere: Finland 6, Germany 0; Germany 4, United States 4.

EQUESTRIANISM

ROME: Nations' Cup: 1, Great Britain (Nick Skelton, Veronique Whitaker, Michael Whitaker), 16.5 pts; 2, France, 24.5; 3, Germany, 38.

RUGBY UNION

BRISTOL COMBINATION CUP: Final (at The Memorial Ground, Bristol): Dings Crusaders 21, Clifton Wanderers 11.

TENNIS

ASKELON, Israel: Women's challenge tournament: Singles: Quarter-finals: A Grunfeld (GB) bt R Mayer (Isr), 6-3, 6-7, 6-0; I Berger (Isr) bt Y Segal (Isr), 6-3, 3-6, 7-5; J Kruger (SA) bt A Aallonen (Fin), 6-3, 6-0; M de Swardt (SA) bt S Albinus (Den), 6-3, 6-4.

BARCELONA: Women's tournament: Third round: M Navratilova (US) bt K Piccolini (It), 6-0, 6-2; E Zardo (It) bt I Cueto (Ger), 2-6, 6-1, 6-2. Fourth round: N Tauziat (Fr) bt M Navratilova (US), 6-1, 6-4; A Sanchez-Vicario (Sp) bt J Wiesner (Austria), 6-3, 6-2; C Martinez (Sp) bt J Halard (Fr), 1-6, 6-4, 6-4; M Maleeva (Switz) bt E Zardo (It), 6-3, 7-5.

BOL, Yugoslavia: Women's tournament: Quarter-finals: H Kelesi (Can) bt A-M Fernandez (Hun), 7-5, 6-1; S Cecchini (It) bt A Strnadova (Cz), 6-4, 6-4; S Testud (Fr) bt C Bartos (Switz), 6-2, 6-2; M Maleeva (Bul) bt L Garrone (It), 6-3, 7-5.

BRACKNELL: LTA spring satellite tournament: Men's singles: Quarter-finals: A Nizet (US) bt S Botfield (GB), 6-2, 6-2; P Norval (SA) bt B Haygarth (SA), 6-2, 7-6; Y El Aynaoui (Mor) bt J Martyn (GB), 6-3, 6-2. Women's singles: Quarter-finals: D Gardner (US) bt J Pullin (GB), 6-3, 6-1; S-A Siddall (GB) bt L Nabors (US), 6-7, 6-4, 6-4; B Cordwell (NZ) bt B Somerville (US), 1-6, 6-2, 6-4; C Hall (GB) bt P Boccia (Arg), 7-5, 7-5.

SINGAPORE: Men's tournament: Quarter-finals: J Stoltenberg (Aus) bt T Woodbridge (Aus), 6-2, 7-6; J Siemerink (Neth) bt S Matsuoka (Japan), 6-3, 6-4; G Bloom (Isr) bt G Michibata (Can), 6-3, 6-3; G Connell (Can) bt T Hogstedt (Swe), 7-5, 6-4.

EVENING RACING

Taunton

Going: firm

5.45 (2m 110yd) 1, Eurolink The Lad (P Scudamore, 8-11 fav); 2, Beau Rou (7-1); 3, Box Office (12-1). 7 ran. 8l, 2l. M Pipe. Tote: £1.60; £1.40, £2.10. DF: £4.10. CSF: £5.70.

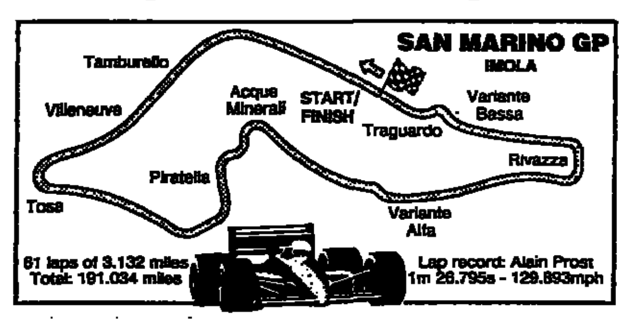
8.15 (2m 3f hdle) 1, Cinicetto (P Scudamore, 9-1); 2, Spitfire Jubilee (5-1); 3, Norstock (10-1). They All Forgot Me 3-1 fav. 14 ran. NR: Feland. 2½l, 20l. M Pipe. Tote: £10.70; £3.20, £2.00, £2.40. DF: £22.80. CSF: £47.40. Tricast: £413.65.

8.45 (2m 110yd ch) 1, Evening Rain (G McCourt, 5-1); 2, Disneyland (9-2); 3, Nastall (5-4 fav). 10 ran. NR: Pretty Pantoes. 6l, 15l. R Hodges. Tote: £4.20; £1.30, £1.30, £1.10. DF: £5.20. CSF: £20.10.

MOTOR RACING

Senna shows perfect timing to take early advantage

From Norman Howell
IN IMOLA



TWENTY minutes into yesterday afternoon's qualifying session the main grandstand opposite the pits at the Autodromo Enzo and Dino Ferrari roared into life. Alain Prost had just set a fast time in his Ferrari, one second quicker than last year's pole position. The "tifosi" thought this was good enough for pole position overnight, and since rain is forecast, maybe for the race.

The dream was short-lived. Soon after, the very fast Williams-Renault dipped below the 1min 22sec mark. It was not Nigel Mansell, though. His colleague, the man everyone had dismissed before the season had even started, had done it again.

Riccardo Patrese confirmed his moment of grace by racing smoothly round this fast and brutal circuit, getting the best out of the beautiful-looking Williams and its semi-automatic gearbox. "I have been driving like this for about three years, but it's only now that I have the car to show people what I can do," he said.

As if on cue, as Patrese was finishing his sentence, the crowd made a strange noise, a sort of collective sigh. Patrese turned to look at the monitor, knowing the cause already. Ayrton Senna had done it again, not by much, but he was on pole. The world champion has become awesome in his ability to gauge when to come out for his fast laps. In his first he also had a clear run, but experienced some gear-selection problems. "It slowed me down a little, so I knew that my second run would be faster." Things just seem to go his way.

Nigel Mansell clocked the fourth-best time, but on both runs he found slow cars in front of him. He was however, happy with the car.

One team that seemed to be at sixes and sevens was Benetton. As the other cars were putting in fast laps, Nelson Piquet and Roberto Moreno were pacing the pits, nervously eying the mechanics swarming all over the cars. Thirteenth and fourteenth places are not where the Benettons usually sit on the grid and a rather downcast Piquet admitted that he does not hold much hope for race day.

Dire straits at Benetton, long faces at Ferrari too, where, despite Prost's third place, everyone has been told not to speak to the press. This is in reaction to an article in a French magazine in which the three-times world champion harshly criticised the Ferrari management, saying that one or two people know little of F1.

His thinly-veiled references to Cesare Fiorio, the team leader who has been in F1 only three years, and Pier Luigi Castelli, the technical director who came from Fiat two years ago, have astounded Ferrari and caused great disquiet in the upper echelons of the Fiat organisation.

It is hard to understand what Prost hopes to achieve with his broadsides. The Frenchman does admit that he would like to get involved in the Ferrari management, but all that he might do is hasten the arrival of his greatest rival, Senna, who is understood to have signed a pre-contractual agreement with Fiorio, and end up hoist by his own petard.

☐ Stefan Johansson, the Swedish driver, has been replaced by Farbrizio Barbazza, from Milan, in the AGS team which has been taken over by two Italians, Patricio Cantu and Gabriele Rafanelli.

QUALIFYING TIMES: 1, A Senna (Bra) McLaren, 1min 21.877sec; 2, R Patrese (It) Williams, 1:21.957; 3, A Prost (Fr) Ferrari, 1:22.195; 4, N Mansell (GB) Williams, 1:22.366; 5, G Berger (Austria) McLaren, 1:22.567; 6, S Modena (It) Tyrrell, 1:23.511; 7, J Alesi (Fr) Ferrari, 1:23.945; 8, G Morbidelli (It) Minardi, 1:24.762; 9, P Martini (It) Minardi, 1:24.807; 10, S Nakajima (Japan) Tyrrell, 1:25.245; 11, A de Cesaris (It) Jordan, 1:25.491; 12, B Gachot (Bel) Jordan, 1:25.531; 13, R Moreno (Bra) Benetton, 1:25.635; 14, N Piquet (Bra) Benetton, 1:25.809; 15, M Gugelmin (Bra) Leyton House, 1:25.841; 16, JJ Lehto (Fin) Dallara, 1:25.974; 17, E Bernard (Fr) Larrousse-Lola, 1:15.993; 18, M Brundle (GB) Brabham, 1:16.055; 19, E Comas (Fr) Ligier, 1:16.207; 20, A Suzuki (Japan) Larrousse-Lola, 1:26.356; 21, E Van De Poele (Bel) Lamborghini, 1:26.550; 22, I Capelli (It) Leyton House, 1:26.602; 23, M Blundell (GB) Brabham, 1:26.778; 24, T Boutsen (Bel) Ligier, 1:26.998; 25, M Hakkinen (Fin) Lotus, 1:27.324; 26, J Bailey (GB) Lotus, 1:27.976; 27, G Tarquini (It) AGS, 1:28.175; 28, F Barbazza (It) AGS, 1:29.665; 29, A Caffi (It) Footwork, 1:30.280; 30, M Alboreto (It) Footwork, 1:30.762.

HOCKEY

Pakistan thwarted by a defiant Rowlands

England 1
Pakistan 0

From Sydney Friskin
IN MADRID

THE prophets of woe who had written England off in the six nations tournament here were confounded yesterday when they defeated Pakistan with a fine display of attacking hockey.

Pakistan were taken aback by England's liveliness up front and steadfastness in defence where Potter, Laslett and Rowlands, in goal, played exceptionally well.

Rowlands proved an impassable barrier for Pakistan, who tried unavailingly to score from nine short corners, six in the first half. England earned only two short corners, from the first of which they scored in the 21st minute. Kerly took a quick shot which was deflected into the net by the goalkeeper.

Pakistan were never given a chance to develop their attacks and England held their advantage, despite losing Laslett, who was temporarily suspended midway in the second half for a questionable tackle. He had hardly returned when Anjum Saeed, the Pakistan right half, was suspended for an even more dangerous charge which inflicted an injury on Faulkner inside the circle.

After a number of Pakistani attacks had been beaten back, England came close to scoring again in the closing minutes. Thompson earned their second short corner and after nothing came of it the ball drifted to Kerly, who was checked by the goalkeeper. All credit to England but this was one of the worst displays by an experienced Pakistan side, which lacked ideas.

England, having lost to Germany, have only a slim chance of a place in the final tomorrow. Everything depends on what the Germans do today against Pakistan, who might atone for yesterday's display.

In the earlier match Australia lost a 2-0 lead and were eventually held to 3-3 by Spain.

ENGLAND: S Rowlands; D Faulkner (capt), P Bolland, J Potter, J Laslett, M Grimley, J Shaw, R Garcia, S Kerly, P Nall, N Thompson.

PAKISTAN: Mansoor Ahmed; Rana Mujahid, Khalid Bashir, Anjum Saeed, Mohamed Khalid, Mohamed Junaid, Qamar Ibrahim, Tahir Zaman (sub: Mohamed Shahbaz), Mussadiq Hussain, Shahbaz Ahmed (capt), Waseem Feroza.

Umpires: P Garcia (Spain) and R Rideout (Australia).

OLYMPIC GAMES

NatWest steps in

MANCHESTER 2000, Britain's Olympic bid, yesterday received £100,000 from the National Westminster Bank in its campaign to bring the Games to the North-West (John Goodbody writes).

Only two days after Manchester beat London to get Britain's nomination to stage the Games, NatWest became the first company to pledge money towards the fund-raising target of £3 million to promote the tender.

Trevor Adamson, the NatWest regional director, said: "I was very disappointed that we did not win the 1996 Games bid but I know that Manchester received a full £3 million worth of value out of that bid." The interest stimulated was unprecedented.

IN BRIEF

Skyhawks flutter

IF Raleigh-Durham Skyhawks are going to win their first World League American Football game tomorrow they will truly have earned it. The London Monarchs they face boast the League's most potent offense, and the meanest defense that have led them to a 5-0 record.

Wembley has already become a place where visitors are not welcome. Nor has an American team yet won in Europe. But, Skyhawks almost did that last Saturday against Frankfurt Galaxy, losing 30-28 to a touch down with only 17 seconds left.

TENNIS: Martina Navratilova fell to a shock 6-1, 6-4 defeat by fifth seed Nathalie Tauziat of France in the quarter-finals of the Barcelona international tournament yesterday.

TABLE TENNIS: The two Korean associations have been asked to hold the 1992 Asian championships jointly in Seoul and Pyongyang.

TENNIS: Amanda Grunfeld, of Manchester, beat the Israeli, Rona Meyer, 6-3, 6-7, 6-0 to move into the semi-finals of the Marjorie Scherman women's tournament in Ashkelon, Israel.

SWIMMING: Mark Spitz has his second comeback race in Los Angeles today, this time against Matt Biondi. If he does as badly as in his first race against Tom Jager he may abandon his attempt to make the Barcelona Olympics.

EQUESTRIANISM: The British team of Nick Skelton, riding Alan Paul Apollo, Joe Turi on Waysider, Veronique Whitaker on Henderson Flarepath and Michael Whitaker on Henderson Zamira, won the Cup of Nations at the Rome International Horse Show in Rome.

REAL TENNIS: The Leamington professional, Kevin Sheldon, helped to put Moreton Morrell/Leamington on the road to the play-off for a place in the final of the J D Ward national league.

- RACING 32, 33
- CRICKET 34
- FOOTBALL 35

SPORT

Tottenham Hotspur's manager takes legal aid

Taylor defends choice of Wise

By Stuart Jones
Football Correspondent

GRAHAM Taylor yesterday forcibly defended his selection of Dennis Wise, whose inclusion in the national squad for the European championship qualifying tie in Turkey on Wednesday caused as much bemusement as the exclusion of Chris Waddle. England's manager reiterated that the two decisions were not linked.

"Wise is the replacement for Steven," Taylor said tersely, "and not for Waddle. I took the time to explain that we had a shortage of balance down the right-hand side. I'm not prepared to give explanations if they are going to be misrepresented or not recorded."

A natural conclusion can be drawn. Waddle, though he has been credited with leading Marseilles to the final of the European Cup, does not fit into the system envisaged by Taylor. Wise, though he himself concedes that his form at Chelsea this season has been at best inconsistent, does.

Waddle argues that he is now benefiting from the comparative freedom given to him by his French club. Rather than filling a dual role, he is released from the defensive duties which he would be carrying out for England and ordered to work only in the opponents' half.

"Waddle has played 61 times for England," Taylor said, "and players have to produce consistent performances. I don't think that he and Barnes have been asked to do anything beyond their capabilities. Besides, how many in the team can have a free role? All I want from forwards is goals."

Waddle has scored six and Barnes ten in 62 appearances. Taylor, who revealed that Gascoigne would have been recalled had he been available, could next week choose to omit Barnes, the winger he nurtured at Watford, and bring in the 19-year-old Sharpe for his first full cap.

Since Beardsley and Robson have also surprisingly been left out of England's closing qualifying tie of the season, the line-up promises to feature other fresh figures.

As well as Wise, Smith, of Arsenal, and Thomas, of Crystal Palace, may be brought in against the Turks. Like many newcomers in the B squad, they perform for clubs associated with the long-ball game.

Venables makes efforts to stop Gascoigne's sale

By Dennis Signy

TERRY Venables, the manager of Tottenham Hotspur, consulted his lawyers yesterday in an effort to stop the sale of Paul Gascoigne to Lazio, the Italian club, for £7.5 million.

Nat Solomon, the chairman of Tottenham Hotspur plc, and Gascoigne's advisers, Mel Stein and Len Lazarus, travelled to Rome on Thursday to discuss a deal which, if completed, would relieve the pressure on the club from the Midland Bank to pay off a debt of £11 million.

Venables claims that three years ago, when he joined the club from Barcelona, the then chairman, Irving Scholar, agreed that the manager was to be responsible for the buying and selling of players.

Venables, who was not warned of Solomon's visit to Italy, was at Tottenham's training ground at Mill Hill yesterday when he spoke to Gascoigne about the latest developments in what has turned into a long-running saga.

Venables said later: "As far as I'm concerned, this is not a once-in-a-lifetime proposition for him. He is only 23. There will be bigger and better clubs for him."

Venables seems to have been referring to an earlier approach from Juventus, who, it was reported shortly after the World Cup finals, were prepared to pay £10 million for Gascoigne and leave him with Tottenham for a season or two.

Clearly, Venables does not regard Lazio as one of the leading Italian clubs. "I don't think it would be good for him. There is not enough money," he said.

Venables, who had spent several of the previous hours with telephones glued to his ears, said he was unaware of any developments from Italy and was hopeful that his own consortium would be given the "breathing space" to succeed with a £20 million bid for the club.

He has been telling friends that his consortium would have the money in place before the FA Cup final in which Tottenham meet Nottingham Forest, on May 18.

While Solomon and the Tottenham directors are clearly reacting to pressure to reduce the club's debts, the latest developments will not help Venables or Gascoigne to concentrate on the remaining League matches this season or preparations for their visit to Wembley in three weeks.

A new scenario for the future of Tottenham Hotspur emerged yesterday. It was suggested that a new consortium might emerge to buy Tottenham, if Gascoigne was sold and the price for the club dropped.

Stein, who returned to England yesterday, claimed that discussions with Lazio were continuing. "Until I hear there is a clarification contract between Tottenham and Lazio I cannot comment on the situation between Gascoigne and Lazio," he said.

In Rome, Carlo Regalia, the sports director of Lazio, said: "We are not close to a signature. It won't be today. So much has been said about this transfer, that it's on, that it's off. We would rather not talk about it."

A spokesman for Tottenham Hotspur plc, Cass Robertson, said: "We have had anxious shareholders and fans weeping down the telephone. But they'll have to go on agonising for a bit longer. We can't say anything until we have something official to say."

While Gascoigne's future remains in doubt, Tottenham have angered many supporters by announcing season ticket price increases of between 28 and 46 per cent.

The most expensive seat in the upper tier of the West Stand will cost £384 for next season, an increase of £85. Season ticket prices go up by more than £100, from £253 to £360, in other areas of the same stand.

A standing season ticket on The Shelf increases by 40 per cent from £120 to £168. Season ticket holders have until June 1 to apply for renewal.

United fail to keep Knox

By Roddy Forsyth

RANGERS will today confirm the appointment of Archie Knox as their assistant manager, thus completing the management reshuffle, which was set in motion with the departure of Graeme Souness to Liverpool 11 days ago.

Knox's return to Scotland, which he left along with Alex Ferguson when the pair moved from Aberdeen to Manchester United in November, 1986, was predictable but Ferguson attempted to thwart it with a powerful plea, after United's midweek Cup Winners' Cup triumph over Legia Warsaw.

However, it is understood that United were not willing to match the salary on offer at Ibrox, believed to be between £100,000 and £120,000, depending on bonuses. Knox, a former Dundee United player whose career overlapped with that of the new Rangers' manager, Walter Smith, first moved into management with Forfar Athletic before joining Ferguson as assistant at Pittodrie.

In 1983, Knox became manager of Dundee but returned to Pittodrie in the close season of 1986 as co-manager. When Manchester United offered Ferguson the post of manager at Old Trafford in November of the same year, the Aberdeen board invited Knox to become his successor but he preferred the role of assistant to Ferguson.

Rangers are not in action this afternoon because their premier division game with Dundee United was advanced to midweek to accommodate satellite television. The single goal by Ian Ferguson which won them both points from a difficult fixture means that Aberdeen must emulate Rangers' feat last Saturday by also winning at St Mirren to maintain their pressure on the champions, who are now four points ahead in the table.

St Mirren will be without their goalkeeper, Money, who is suspended. The replacement will be Fridge. Aberdeen are relieved to be able to include their prolific scorer, Gillhaus, who has shaken off a back injury.

The meeting of Celtic and Heart of Midlothian at Tynecastle promises to be a lively affair as both clubs are chasing a Uefa Cup place next season.

Hoddle's destiny, page 35

Dessie goes to Downing Street

By Richard Evans

DESERT Orchid will visit Downing Street in the summer to champion the cause of less exalted horses who face the prospect from 1992 of being exported alive for slaughter.

The nation's favourite racehorse will be outside No. 10 to help present the prime minister with a petition calling on the Government to take action to prevent needless suffering to hundreds of equine animals.

Existing British welfare regulations which prevent the live export for slaughter of horses, ponies, donkeys and mules face being swept away by the creation of a single European market by 1992.

Jimmy Burridge, one of Desert Orchid's owners, said yesterday: "We have agreed in principle that Dessie should go to Downing Street because it is for such a brilliant cause."

The decision to allow the flying grey to travel to the nerve centre of British political life is a coup for the International League for the Protection of Horses, based near Norwich, which is campaigning to stop the live export of horses. Col George Stephen, chief executive, could hardly believe his luck when told of Desert Orchid's new role.

"It is fantastic," Stephen said. "Desert Orchid has become the symbol for all that is best in British horses: bravery, beauty, celebrity and success. While he will never face the threat of being sold off for meat, there are an awful lot of horses not quite as good as him who have done their stuff by mankind and who have gone for slaughter."

Just how Desert Orchid will get to Downing Street after travelling from his Leicestershire base has still to be worked out. "We have not even begun to tackle how he gets there, where he is housed and whether he walks down The Mall," Burridge added. "I don't know how he will deliver the petition. If it is put in his mouth he will eat it."

The visit is likely to be made in late June or early July, close to the Desert Orchid open day when fans visit the horse in his stable. The petition, carrying tens of thousands of signatures, will call for a total ban on the export of horses for slaughter.

BANK OF SCOTLAND
MORTGAGES

Bank of Scotland announces the following changes in interest rates which for new borrowers are effective from 7th May 1991 and for existing customers immediately following their payment on or after 20th May 1991.

Home Loan Rate	12.85% per annum
Stabilised Charging Rate	12.95% per annum

Bank of Scotland, Head Office, The Mound, Edinburgh EH1 1YZ.

BANK OF SCOTLAND
A FRIEND FOR LIFE

Tony White

Tour of inspection: Frano Botica, Wigan's goalkicker, soaks up the Wembley atmosphere on the eve of the final

Wigan waiting in hope

By Keith Macklin

WIGAN'S inspirational captain, Ellery Hanley, will not decide until half-an-hour before today's scheduled kick-off time of 2.30pm whether his hamstring injury has improved sufficiently for him to take part in the Silk Cut Challenge Cup final against St Helens at Wembley. It will be a morning of suspense for all the club's officials, players and supporters.

Wigan have already suffered one serious blow. Another Great Britain international, Joe Lydon, failed a fitness test on his hamstring injury during a training session yesterday afternoon. His place on the wing is taken by David Myers.

That Wigan are willing to take an enormous gamble on the fitness of their captain, is a tribute not only to his skills and power, but also to his personality and leadership on the field of play. Without these attributes, even Wigan's team of internationals seems less potent.

John Monie, the Wigan coach, has waited all week for some sign of improvement in Hanley's condition, although he has privately feared the worst as day after day of Wembley training has passed without Hanley appearing on the pitch.

Hanley has spent most of the week on and around the treatment table. He is desperately anxious to play and would willingly turn out at Wembley on crutches if possible. However, as Monie has said: "Either Ellery will be able to run, or he won't. I will give him right up to the last second to make his mind up — and ours."

Meanwhile, St Helens have settled back at their training headquarters at Beaconsfield, allowing Wigan to publicly agonise over Hanley while they themselves have worked on the tactics which they feel will surprise and ultimately prevent Wigan from winning the trophy for the fourth successive season.

Victory, however, is not the sole ambition of the Saints. For two years the town, its population, supporters and not least the players have smarted from the humiliating 27-0 thrashing inflicted by Wigan when they last met at Wembley.

"It would be marvellous to win, but the most important thing of all is that this time we make a fight of it and leave the field with our heads high," the club secretary, Geoff Sutcliffe, said.

Wigan's final test, page 32

Becker unlocks secret of clay

From Andrew Longmore
Tennis Correspondent
Monte Carlo

THE defending champion, Andrei Chesnokov, summed it up best. "6-1, 6-3. *Très facile*," he said, dropping into his fluent Soviet-French. He was right. It was astonishingly easy for Boris Becker, who will play Goran Prpic in the semi-finals of the Monte Carlo Open today. Horst Skoff, of Austria, who reached the semi-final for the third time in his adopted home town, will play the talented Spaniard, Sergi Bruguera

By rights, if there was a clay-court lesson to be delivered yesterday, Chesnokov should have been the tutor. He loves the patient cut-and-thrust of the red clay and has won four titles on the stuff, including, of course, the Monte Carlo Open last year. Becker has always had a love-hate relationship with a surface he was brought up on but has never come to terms with and has not won any.

Most of the world No. 2's embarrassing moments have come on clay: against Juan Aguilera in the final of the German Open at Hamburg last year or Jimmy Arias here in the Monte Carlo. It seemed at times that Becker would never unlock the secret of clay and little in his victories over Javier Sanchez and Alex Volkov this week suggested otherwise. Until yesterday.

Knowing that he would not outlast Chesnokov, Becker, the No. 2 seed, decided to attack from the start, cleverly changing the pace and angle of his shot and never letting the Muscovite find his balance or his rhythm on the baseline.

Somehow Chesnokov sensed that this was not to be his day. Time and again, he was drawn like a reluctant donkey to the net by the drop shot, only to be passed at will on either side. Whenever the No. 8 seed did manage to get his ground strokes into gear, Becker's imposing frame was hovering over the net ready to sweep away the volley.

"It was one of the best five clay-court matches of my life," Becker admitted.

The problem was that too often in the past the idol has woken up next morning with feet of clay and it will be a sobering thought for the Austalian Open champion that he will have to play even better today to beat Prpic, the gentle Yugoslav, who is playing with supreme confidence after a flying start to the year.

"He will not miss much and he has a good mind. I will have to make the points," Becker said. In other words, he will have to play with the aggression that characterises his grass-court play rather than wait to be out-manoeuvred by a smaller nippier man — even one with a massive leg brace protecting his right knee — as has happened so often in the past.

There have been too many false dawns to start making extravagant predictions yet but if Becker can snatch his first clay-court title from under the noses of specialists like Skoff and Prpic and not 200 yards from his own front door his chances of winning his first French Open title next month would be enormously enhanced.

Nick Brown and Jeremy Bates enjoyed a good preparation for Britain's Davis Cup tie against Poland next month by reaching the quarter-finals of the doubles, but yesterday found the No. 1 seeds, Sergio Casal and Emilio Sanchez, a little too strong.

RESULTS: Men's singles: Quarter-finals: B Becker (Ger) bt A Chesnokov (USSR), 6-1, 6-3; G Prpic (Yug) bt C-U Steeb (Ger), 6-4, 6-2; H Skoff (Austria) bt J Svensson (Swe), 6-3, 6-3; S Bruguera (Sp) bt M Gustafsson (Swe), 7-6, 7-5.

Major ignores the Marxian edict to join MCC

SIMON BARNES
ON SATURDAY

This column, which has long held to the Groucho Marx principle of clubbability, extends its sympathy to John Major, who suffered the indignity this week of being elected to the MCC, o'erleaping a waiting list of 9,000 to do so. In this achievement, he becomes the eighth of the 18 twentieth century prime ministers to be an MCC member. By one of those cosmic, those well-nigh Nostradaman coincidences, all eight have been Tories.

I shall deal with the prime ministers chronologically. First was Arthur Balfour, second Stanley Baldwin, who later became president — of the MCC, I mean, not of Great Britain. Winston Churchill was made a honorary life member after the war, despite his lack of any desperate enthusiasm for the game. The next three were all MCC members when they became prime ministers: Anthony Eden, Harold Macmillan and Alec Douglas-Home. Douglas-Home became an MCC member in 1926, and was president in 1966. The seventh was Ted Heath, who was made a member in 1970, shortly before becoming PM.

The club's biggest miss was Clement Attlee, who was devoted to the game, despite his failure to belong to the MCC's favourite political party. In fact, when asked about Europe in the early 60s, he said: "The trouble with the Europeans is that they don't play cricket."

☐ *In the space of eight days, Wembley Stadium will have been used for football, rugby league and American football. But they have never played cricket there. History will be made on September 8 in a giant stunt called the "Crickathon Day", which will include a match between Europe and the Rest of the World at Wembley. The aim of the entire enterprise is to raise between £10 and £12 million. Half will go to Group Captain Leonard Cheshire's Fund for Disaster Relief, and half to schools cricket: a bizarre notion of joint priorities if ever there was one.*

Street of fame

Athletics gets more and more glamorous across the world. With every passing year, the gear is sexier, the money more delicious, the prizes more thrilling. New glamour stunts include the Fifth Avenue Mile in New York, which last year was sponsored by Mercedes-Benz, and was won by Peter Elliott from Steve Cram. Elliott's prize was a Merc retailing at $34,000. Now the same firm is sponsoring the Mercedes-Benz Silver Mile, which will be held in this country in August Bank Holiday and which, says the PR, "is certain to attract dozens of the country's top runners". It is unfortunate that the date clashes with the world championships in Tokyo. Never mind: the location is far, far more glamorous than Fifth Avenue, New York. It is Silbury Boulevard, Milton Keynes.

☐ *Faithful readers will recall Lisa Olson, she of the New England Patriots sexual harassment scandal. Olson, a reporter collecting post-match quotes in the locker-room at the time of the incident last autumn, has now decided to sue the Patriots for sexual harassment and violations of her civil rights. The suit also alleges intentional infliction of emotional distress and intentional damage to her professional reputation. If you thought gridiron football was a hard game, I suggest you try the American legal system.*

Stable talk

As I ponder possible names for any progeny from my beautiful but disreputable mare, currently visiting a handsome stallion, I have been considering these examples. Blow a Gasket, by Gossip Column out of Private Princess. The Boss, by Tim God out of Liquid Lunch. Instant Dismissal, by First Footman out of Something's Missing. Wild Oats, by Rapid Pass out of Pleasure Seeker. These and other pedigrees, along with a number of cheerfully ribald rhymes, come from a book called *Horse Trials and Tribulations*, proceeds in aid of the Spinal Injuries Association, obtainable from them at 76 St James Lane, London N10 3DF, price £3 including p and p.

Flag turns red

Linesmen are spear-carriers who yearn to play Hamlet. As a class, they seek every possible opportunity for scene-stealing. The reason for the high number of offside decisions is because this is the only opportunity linesmen have for getting into the match. But the best of linesmen can transcend the limitations of their role: take an incident that happened the other week in the Naples league when Santa Anastasia took on Tresana. After 65 minutes, the ref gave a foul against the visiting club, Trasana. A linesman, who was also a Tresana official, ran on to the pitch, and, using his flag as a bludgeon proceeded to wade through the entire opposition, who were flung into total panic by the assault. One player had a broken nose.

Taxing poll

It has come to the time of year when Derby County enthusiasts vote for their player of the year. The club's Independent Supporters Association is lobbying enthusiastically on behalf of Nigel Callaghan. Yet their support has caused great anger across the club. The reason is that Callaghan actually plays for Aston Villa. He spent three months with Derby on loan. The lobbying is a protest against the ban on all new signings laid down by the club's owner, Robert Maxwell.

★★★★★★

هكذا عن الأصل